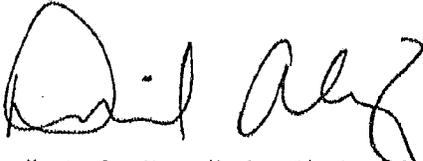




City of San Diego
Eighth District

MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 21, 2013
TO: Council President Todd Gloria
FROM: Councilmember David Alvarez 
SUBJECT: Nomination of Macedonio Arteaga Jr. to the Commission for Arts & Culture

I am pleased to nominate Macedonio Arteaga Jr. to the City of San Diego's Commission for Arts and Culture. Mr. Arteaga is the founder, artistic director and writer for Teatro Izcalli, a comedy troupe. This theatre group performs for thousands nationwide who have limited access to the theatre and promotes self-esteem and self-determination through arts and culture.

Macedonio has been an Artist-in-residence at Sherman Heights Community Center, as well as the San Diego Commission for Arts. He is also a published poet and playwright. Macedonio was instrumental in creating "Ciroulo de Hombres", a cultural-arts mentoring program for adolescent and adult males. This program is offered as part of the curriculum at the San Diego Unified School District, which serves to reduce violence in schools.

Mr. Arteaga currently works full-time with the San Diego City Unified School District Race Human Relations and Advocacy Program, writing curriculum and training schools in cultural proficiency as well as conducting mediations. Macedonio has spoken at numerous schools and conferences as a motivational speaker and as a consultant to many agencies in San Diego and California. In 2005 Macedonio received the Local Hero of the Year Award by KPBS and also Bank of America's Neighborhood Excellence Local Hero Award. In 2006, he was honored with the Males as Positive Forces Award from the Chula Vista Community Collaborative and in 2009 received Local Hero from Best Buy. In 2009, the City of San Diego recognized February 27 as Macedonio Arteaga Jr. Day for his contribution to the arts.

Thank you for the opportunity to nominate such a well qualified, experienced and personable candidate.