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JOAQUIN CASTRO
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Mr. Adán Medrano
San Antonio CineFestival
1402 Banks St.
Houston, Texas 77006

Dear Adán,

I would like to extend my support and gratitude for the work you have contributed as founder of the San Antonio CineFestival, celebrating its 40th anniversary this year.

From its beginnings on San Antonio's Westside in August 1976, the festival has gained prominence for its ability to recognize the talent and potential of the filmmakers of the Mexican American community of the United States. As a second generation Mexican American, raised on the Westside, I wish to convey my deep appreciation for the recognition you have brought to this talented group of people.

As we continue to advocate on behalf of the Latino community, it is important to recognize how arts and humanities can broaden our understanding of our community. These festivals, which recognize the art of different people and cultures, have the potential to bring us all closer together as a nation.

I wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors and look forward to the continued success and growth of the CineFestival. Please do not hesitate to contact me in the future if I can ever be helpful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joaquin".

Joaquin Castro
Member of Congress