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January 13, 2009

Ms. Andi Garcia
President of the Board
San Anto Cultural Arts
1300 Chihuahua Street
San Antonio, TX 78207

RE: Letter of Support for San Anto Cultural Arts

Dear Ms. Garcia:

This letter is written in support of the San Anto Cultural Arts (SACA) Board and Staff, and the SACA community in this difficult time following the passing of your Executive Director, Mr. Manuel Diosdado Castillo Jr. The Board and Staff of the Westside Development Corporation (WDC) extend their condolences to you, SACA and the family of Mr. Castillo.

Through SACA's work as a community-based, cultural arts organization with the purpose of creating community/human development, mainly focusing on youth, the Westside community has benefited greatly from the many murals, videos, cultural events, and community newspapers that have been created since the organization's creation in 1994. Many students who were mentored through SACA have gone on to creative economy careers, building on the technical, artistic, and leadership skills gained at SACA. SACA has contributed much to Westside Pride!

The WDC's mission is, in part, "to create viable urban communities, and preserve the character, culture and history of the area." SACA's work is critical to the WDC's bigger goal of revitalizing the Westside through economic and community development. SACA and the WDC have already worked together in a number of ways including the WDC's facilitation of a partnership between SACA and CitiBank and consultation regarding a new office building for SACA.

The WDC offers its assistance, support, and partnership with SACA to insure that San Anto's mission and Mr. Castillo's legacy flourish for many years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Martinez', written over a white background.

Chris Martinez
Board President