



August 25, 2023

Re: Support for the ESB-MACC

Dear Austin Mayor and Council Members:

The League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) is the oldest and largest Latino organization in the United States. LULAC advances the economic condition, educational attainment, political influence, health, and civil rights of Hispanic Americans through advocacy and community-based programs at more than 1,000 LULAC councils nationwide.

LULAC Council 650 joins the Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center (“ESB-MACC”) Advisory Board in supporting additional funding for the Phase 2 project. Allocation of additional funds in the amount of \$6.2 Million will enable the City of Austin to further an expansion that is commensurate with establishment of a world-class cultural center that is a reflection of the strength and resiliency of Austin’s Mexican-American community.

As the last demographic count established, Hispanics now comprise the major demographic group in the State of Texas. The expansion of the ESB-MACC coincides with the LULAC mission to support efforts which will advance and result in increased support for the growing Hispanic population in Travis County. Nearly 15 years after the facility’s opening, hopefully the city is making the failure to fund and complete the project as envisioned by its founders – right. !LULAC will monitor progress toward this mission. And we vote!

Please contact me should you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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