

Feb. 2, 2009

Dear Ms. Doty,

I am writing to you on behalf of MAIZ. **MAIZ** means *Movimiento de Accion, Inspirando Servicio* (movement of action, inspiring service). Our mission is to develop leaders and use cultural advocacy in order to increase political participation in the San Jose Mexican community specifically among Women, Youth, LGBTQQI. We are a grass-roots organization and not a 501 (C) 3 at this time.

We are hosting an event during the month of February and would like to ask the Commissions' financial support of this event by sponsoring the cost of facility rental. If the commission agrees, the organization who is providing space (MACLA) will invoice the commission at a rate not to exceed \$150.

This is an event to help us recruit new members and raise funds for a new project.

Event:

- Title: Como La Luna: Amor a Todas Horas - Open Mic
- Date: February 20th
- Time: 7-9:00pm
- Cost: \$5-10 sliding scale
- Facility: MACLA

Goals:

- Create safe space for Women of Color
- Fundraise for *scholarship for Latina immigrants who have suffered domestic violence-*
- MAIZ recruitment of membership
- Initiate campaign process for Maiz -mujeres/cihuatl tlatocan

Project Overview:

- Name: Cihuatl Tlatocan Scholarship/Beca de Cihuatl Tlatocan
- For: Latina immigrants who have suffered DV and are in need of financial assistance to cover costs associated with U-visa & VAWA applications
- Name: Cihuatl Tlatocan means gathering of women in nahuatl

Thank you in advance for your support.

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