



May 8, 2019

Honorable Paul Krekorian, Chair
Budget & Finance Committee
City of Los Angeles
200 North Spring Street, Room 435
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: El Grito

Dear Chairman Krekorian and Committee Members:

For more than thirty years, the City of Los Angeles has hosted El Grito, which is the celebration of Mexican Independence Day and the September Independence Days of Chile, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. This free event draws thousands of Angelenos for a night of cultural and musical celebration on the historic steps of Los Angeles City Hall.

The El Grito festival serves as the official kick-off celebration for Latino Heritage Month (September 15 - October 15) in the City, and highlights Los Angeles' vibrant Latino community as well as showcasing the immense contributions Latinos have made to the City's culture, history, and economy.

The responsibility to host this large scale Citywide event rotates between the Latino Councilmembers. While funding is currently provided in the Department of Cultural Affairs' (DCA) Budget, it does not cover the total expense of the event. As such, a significant amount of the production cost falls on the host Council office.

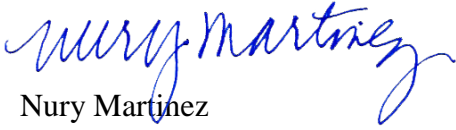
Thus, it is respectfully requested that the El Grito Budget line item be increased by \$100,000. This additional funding could be offset by a decrease in the City Hall Lighting Public Art Project line item in DCA's Budget.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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Gilbert A. Cedillo
Councilmember, 1st District

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Nury Martinez
Councilwoman, 6th District

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Monica Rodriguez
Councilwoman, 7th District

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José Huizar
Councilmember, 14th District