



Board of Supervisors Memorandum

August 5, 2014

**Mariachi Los Changuitos Feos
50th Anniversary Reunion and Concert**

Background

Mariachi Los Changuitos Feos (MLCF) was the first of what now are many youth mariachi groups in Tucson and southern Arizona. As MLCF reaches its 50th anniversary this summer, MLCF remains the most prominent of local youth mariachi groups and the most successful in producing nationally known performers and in sending participating youth on to higher education and meaningful careers. Los Changuitos Feos de Tucson, Inc., the nonprofit organization that manages MLCF, has raised and distributed \$480,000 in college scholarships to participating youth.

MLCF 50th anniversary celebration events will take place from August 21 to 23, culminating in a concert on August 23 at the Tucson Convention Center Music Hall.

Recommendation

I recommend the Board of Supervisors approve an allocation from the Board Contingency Fund in the amount of \$5,000 in support of the Mariachi Los Changuitos Feos 50th Anniversary Reunion and Concert.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C.H. Huckelberry".

C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator

CHH/mjk – August 1, 2014

Attachment



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July 18, 2014

Supervisor Richard Elias
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Dear Supervisor Elias:

This year marks the 50th anniversary of Los Changuitos Feos de Tucson. The Board of Directors and Planning committee for the 50th Anniversary Reunion and Concert would appreciate your support for this exceptional organization with a donation in the amount of \$5,000.00. The funding would be used to offset the cost of producing the event that will bring together alumni, showcase Pima County's local talent, and continue to preserve our historical culture locally, nationally, and internationally.

Mariachi Los Changuitos Feos is widely regarded as the seed from which the mariachi movement has grown and as you are aware, it started right here in Pima County, 50 years ago.

Los Changuitos Feos organization (LCF) promotes the education of our youth while preserving our Hispanic culture. LCF is a volunteer based organization, with no paid staff aside from the music instructors and teachers who provide professional services and ensure our students are learning music theory, technique, voice and showmanship skills. Over the past 50 years, we have awarded over \$480,000.00 in scholarships to its members, something accomplished through performances and private donations.

There are several events and activities planned for the 50th anniversary, and the two we are asking you to support are:

1. The Los Changuitos Feos Recognition Dinner which will be held at the Tucson Marriott University Park on Friday August 22, 2014 from 6:00 PM to 9:30 PM. This event will recognize many individuals who over the past 50 years have volunteered their time and/or contributed toward keeping the group functioning and providing scholarships to its members.
2. The main concert held at the TCC Music Hall on August 23rd at 7:00 PM with a pre-concert reception at 5:30 PM. that will feature Mariachi Cobre from Orlando, Florida who will be coming back for this celebration as well as Grammy winner Adalberto Gallegos, Jeff Nevin, and other special and talented alumni guests.

We hope we can count on your support. All net proceeds after expenses will be used to continue and possibly expand the organization's programming to include a more structured and refined music education curriculum.

For additional information please contact Board Treasurer Member Tom Collier at (520) 820-8121.

Sincerely,



Alex Garcia

Los Changutios Feos Board President

Attachments