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August 12, 1975

Dear Mr. Baquerizo:

I appreciate your keeping me abreast of the progress of your appeal to the Membership and Allocations Steering Committee of United Way. It appears to be a matter now of your diligence in pursuing the documents you requested which were denied you.

As I am always keenly interested and concerned about our Hispanic Heritage organizations and their development, I look forward to having a follow-up report to your present efforts.

SED Center is fortunate in having so dedicated and effective a Director as you, and you must know that I am glad to assist as I can.

Sincerely,

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July 22, 1975

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Dear Mr. De Baca:

We would like to thank you wholeheartedly for supporting the Hispanic Heritage organizations and the Spanish Education Development Center, in particular, in our efforts to obtain a more equitable distribution of United Way funds. Your support has been influential in permitting us to speak before the Board of Directors of United Way and to begin the appeal process in a meeting with the Membership and Allocations Steering Committee of United Way.

Our struggle, however, has not ended. On July 17, 1975 we went before the Membership and Allocations Steering Committee. At this meeting we requested that the Membership and Allocations Steering Committee present us with the following:

1. a copy of the evaluation made by the Review Panel that visited the Spanish Education Development Center;
2. a copy of the minutes in which the Membership and Allocations Steering Committee made decisions regarding funding allocations to Hispanic Heritage organizations.

The Membership and Allocations Steering Committee refused to produce both of these documents which are vital to our defense because they show that no rational was used in the decision to reduce the Spanish Education Development Center's funding. Their refusal to produce



these documents indicates a cover-up of the facts on the part of the Membership and Allocations Steering Committee.

We are committed to continue our request that United Way produce these documents and put an end to their discriminatory practices.

Once again, thank you very much for the support you have given us. We will be glad to keep you informed of any further developments.

Sincerely yours,


Roberto Baquerizo
Director

