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To All Stakeholders and Supporters:

January 21, 2009

Viva the Hispanic Heritage Center of Texas! As many of you know May 2008' was the Kickoff for the Center. Over one hundred and fifty friends and supporters attended and it was a resounding positive response to build the Center. Then in September, a board of directors was chosen and the non-profit corporation was register with the state. In December, the IRS Non-profit 501c.3 application was filed.

By early January 2009, we received notice from the IRS that they are processing the application and we can expect a ruling in sixty days. Many of you have already expressed an interest in contributing and it seems that very soon that can occur. Also, others have indicated a desire to serve on a committee and help out.

Many people need to be thanked that have contributed in creating this first ever Hispanic Heritage Center of Texas. Such as, the executive officers and board members, our attorney Ms. Janet King and Frank Laborde, CPA. Also, many local, state and federal government officials have presented themselves in support of this project and need to be thanked. Lastly, many thanks to other community advocates, supporting organizations and friends who graciously supported this initiative.

We will be publishing an 09' calendar online @ www.Texastejano.com and have attached dates for future meetings that anyone can attend and sign-up for duties. The committee work that lies ahead will be both challenging and rewarding as we define the architecture and construction, develop programming for education, list the collections to be sought and acquisitions of artifacts and documents to be had. We need **everyone's** support and contributions **now** to continue moving forward on this great project!

Also, our capital campaign will begin later this year and our media campaign will begin in June leading up to a tentative October Kickoff date for the center. This is going to be a very exciting year for all of us as we continue to create and develop the Hispanic Heritage Center of Texas for all Texans as we educate, elevate and celebrate Hispanic heritage and legacy in Texas history!

Respectfully,

Rudi R. Rodriguez
Chairman/Founder
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