



# City of East Palo Alto

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I have known Raices de Mexico since late 1987. I have known the organization as not only a dance company, but as an educational institution that effectively imparts knowledge on ethnic Mexican music and dance.

In addition to offering the company our dance studio facility, when we had one, we have collaborated with Raices in an "audience development" program that saw us jointly produce a Spring dance concert at the senior center.

In its efforts to promote cultural music and dance, Raices has participated in several major community events, most notably, the city's birthday celebrations, local ethnic outdoor festivals such as Juneteenth, and Cinco de Mayo, and several regular appearances at the local library.

Raices currently is the only organized cultural arts organization in East Palo Alto. We are certainly proud of that fact. We are the more proud of the fact that it offers instructional classes in dance to the general community and by so doing not only contributes to the richness of the East Palo Alto's cultural landscape but goes along way in promoting cultural understanding amongst the various groups in the community.

I proudly would recommend the organization for consideration for funding assistance with little hesitation.

Sincerely,

Meda O. Okelo

Director

Community Services Department.

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