



City Council Meeting
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Dear Escondido City Council Members:

It is with great appreciation and admiration that we join you this evening in celebration of Doña Estela Chamu's recognition. Her dedication and contributions have undoubtedly improved the lives of thousands of individuals and families in the City of Escondido and the larger North County region.

Doña Chamu is so deserving of this recognition for her unparalleled leadership and advocacy for the betterment of our community. She has worked tirelessly with our Universidad Popular team for the last decade, standing out as an extraordinary community educator and trusted messenger. She has led efforts to improve educational opportunities for immigrant families, educated our community on issues related to health, emergency preparedness, public transportation and most recently covid-19 vaccine accessibility, and many other issues.

During covid-19, she risked her personal health and safety to help others. She joined us in our outreach and education campaign to ensure that the most vulnerable community members had access to food, housing, and medical care. She has reached thousands of frontline and essential workers with critical information and has helped to connect them to valuable resources and services. Plus, she knows every inch of her neighborhood, works with her neighbors and is at the forefront of issues that directly impact community health and safety.

We are so fortunate to work alongside Doña Chamu and consider her an invaluable community matriarch who is constantly teaching and guiding us. Her caring capacity and quest for justice has no boundaries.

We look forward to many more years of collaboration. ¡Gracias, Doña Chamu, por su amor, compasión y dedicación a nuestra comunidad!

Sincerely,

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