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**COUNCILMEMBER JOSE HUIZAR AND MAYOR VILLARAIGOSA
HOSTS ANNUAL “EI GRITO” CEREMONY**

*Thousands Will Celebrated Mexico’s Call for Independence with Headline
Performances by Lucero and Antonio Aguilar Jr.*

LOS ANGELES—Councilmember José Huizar (District 14) will host the annual “El Grito” ceremony along with Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and representatives from the Mexican Consulate. This year’s entertainment lineup will feature performances by Lucero, Antonio Aguilar Jr., Flor Silvestre, Ninel Conde, La Autoridad de la Sierra. Additionally, Antonio Aguilar Jr. and Flor Silvestre will perform a tribute to one of the greatest ambassadors of Mexican culture - “El Charro de Mexico” Antonio Aguilar.

Celebrated annually, “El Grito” marks one of the most important dates on the Mexican cultural calendar – Mexican Independence Day. On September 15, 1810, Father Miguel Hidalgo issued the historic battle cry known as *El Grito de Dolores*, which set the stage for the birth of the Mexican nation. The ceremony is steeped in patriotic tradition and is highlighted by the ringing of the “rebellion bell” in tribute to the clarion calls to arms that spread from church to church across the Mexican countryside.

“As the first Mexican immigrant to be elected to the City Council, it truly is an honor for me to be hosting this year’s ceremony. It provides me with the unique opportunity to celebrate my heritage, while at the same time open the doors of this great city to all the people in attendance today,” said Councilmember Huizar.

“In Los Angeles, the celebrations around Mexican Independence Day remind many of our residents of celebrations they used to share with relatives, families and friends in Mexico. Having great artists like Lucero and Antonio Aguilar Jr. be a part of the festivities this year have made this a great event for the community,” he added.

“Father Miguel Hidalgo’s cry for Mexican Independence echoed the call for freedom issued by the Founding Fathers of the United States, and these dual clarion calls firmly established the reign of democracy on this continent,” said Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa. “On this anniversary of Father Hidalgo’s historic grito, I am proud to honor the bravery and sacrifice of all of those who fought and died for the freedoms we cherish here in the Americas,” said Mayor Villaraigosa.

“It’s an honor to join the celebration of Mexican Independence Day at City Hall, and join our *grito* with those ringing out everywhere between Los Angeles and Mexico City and beyond,” said Council President Eric Garcetti.

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With over 20 albums to her credit, the beautiful Lucero is equally known for her acting skills, with roles in some of Mexico's most popular telenovelas. Antonio Aguilar Jr. is the son of one of the most beloved entertainers in Mexico's musical history, Antonio Aguilar.

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