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In Memoriam
Frank Trujillo, Former Board Chair

It is with deep sadness and regret that Su Teatro announces the passing of Frank Trujillo, former President and current member of the Board of Directors of Su Teatro. Frank Trujillo was a crucial leader of the organization's effort to relocate to Santa Fe Drive. He was the Chair of the search committee that identified sites for possible relocation and was the guiding force in the acquisition of the Denver Civic Theatre. Frank's experience as a real estate broker and his background in community development allowed him to provide the leadership that was crucial to Su Teatro's successful efforts to overcome the various hurdles the organization would encounter in its quest to establish a centrally located regional Latino cultural arts center.

Frank's commitment to Su Teatro was so great that he was able to secure the \$5,000 down payment that would allow Su Teatro to begin the acquisition process. After being succeeded on the Board by Laura Marfil, Frank continued to act as Chair of the Facilities Acquisition Committee. He was instrumental in providing the necessary strategic planning and negotiating skills as we moved through the project.

Frank was also an artist, a poet who wrote extensively about his experiences in the military, particularly while stationed in Viet Nam. His work was featured prior to the opening of "Drive My Coche," starring actor Jesse Borrego. Frank's work presented a dramatic and personal counterpoint to the fictional production. The raw emotion and immediate anger expressed by his experiences made some audience members uncomfortable, but were a real testimony to the power of art as a healing and expressing agent. His work represented Frank's belief in pushing the boundaries of art, and resonated throughout Su Teatro as an encouragement to continue taking risks.

Frank is survived by his wife Darlene, and his daughter, Yvette. Frank was a graduate of Metropolitan State College-Denver. He was most recently employed as an Asset Manager for the City & County of Denver. He also had been Executive Director of the

Elyria Swansea Community Economic Development Corporation, a housing consultant
| for the City of Denver, and had worked as a broker/property management consultant.

His sudden death has been a shock to the members of the Board and staff of Su Teatro. His guidance, wisdom, patience in the face of adversity, and long-term vision will be sorely missed. Current Board President Dr. Phil Gallegos has announced that a celebration of Frank Trujillo's life will be held on August 21st, at 1-3pm at Su Teatro @ the Denver Civic Theatre, 721 Santa Fe Drive. For further information please call (303) 296-0219.