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CV resident Richard Kiy to be honored at San Diego Natural History Museum's Binational Fiesta

On Friday, March 6, more than 400 friends of the San Diego Natural History Museum and regional community leaders will gather together for the seventh Dos Aguilas/Two Eagles Binational Fiesta at the Museum. Each year, the museum is transformed by a special fiesta atmosphere to celebrate its binational region and recognize two honorees who have contributed significantly to cross-border cooperation and environmental understanding. The event is held from 6 p.m. to midnight. Tickets are available by contacting Fiona Livermore at 619-255-0188 or flivermore@sdnhm.org. For information in Spanish: Fundación Internacional de la Comunidad al 01152-664-200-2727.

Dos Aguilas is co-chaired by the unbeatable mother-daughter team, Yolanda Walther-Meade and Yolanda S. Walther-Meade. Says Yolanda S., "This year, Dos Aguilas will definitely live up to its feted reputation—we are going to raise the roof, raise awareness of cross-border and environmental issues, and give a big thank you to our honorees."

This year's fiesta will honor two individuals who have demonstrated their commitment to binational cooperation: Enrique Gamboa Núñez, president, Boys and Girls Club of Mexico, and Carmel Valley's Richard Kiy, president and CEO, International Community Foundation. Additionally, Exequiel Ezcurra, Ph.D., former Museum Provost and Director of the Biodiversity Research Center of the Californias, and now Director of UC MEXUS and Professor of Plant Ecology University of California Institute of the United States and Mexico, will be honored for Excellence in Service.

Fiesta guests will enjoy live music and dance performances that will get the blood going; gourmet food and beverage-tasting stations provided by outstanding restaurants and caterers from both sides of the border.

This annual fundraiser directly benefits the San Diego Natural History Museum's binational research and education programs while furthering the event's mission to publicly express commitment to binational understanding, education, and partnership within the southern California and Baja California region. More than \$350,000 has been raised for the Museum through



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Dos Aguilas.

For more information, www.sdnhm.org, the phone number: 619-232-3821. To reserve Dos Aguilas tickets, call 619-255-0188.

Richard Kiy is president & CEO of the San Diego-based International Community Foundation, a public charity dedicated to expanding cross-border charitable giving along the U.S.-Mexico border, Baja California Peninsula and communities across the Americas and Asia. Since taking over the helm of International Community Foundation in 2001, International Community Foundation has grown to over \$9 million in assets and has made grants totaling over \$18 million to nonprofit organizations and other charitable causes in the regions that it serves.

With a background in environmental policy, Kiy has held several senior level positions in the U.S. Government including Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Environmental Health & Safety at the U.S. Department of Energy; Special Assistant for U.S.-Mexico Border Affairs at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of International Activities and the Acting Environmental Attaché at the U.S. Embassy-Mexico. Kiy's private sector international experience includes having served as Senior Vice President for Business Development for PriceSmart, Inc; Vice President for SAIC de Mexico; and Director for Environmental Information Systems with SAIC's Venezuelan based subsidiary, INTESA.

Kiy is a graduate of Stanford University (A.B. Economic, 1984) and Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government (MPA, 1986).

Kiy is the co-author of the book *Environmental Management along North America's Borders* and co-editor of *The Ties that Bind Us: Mexican Migrants in San Diego County*.

Kiy serves on the board of the U.S.-Mexico Border Philanthropy Partnership, San Diego Grantmakers and the New Americans Immigration Museum and Learning Center. He also serves as a member of UCSD's Board of Overseers and the Binational Advisory Board of the San Diego Natural History Museum.

Kiy and his wife, Monica, have two children, Derek and Danny. Derek goes to Carmel Valley Middle School and Danny is at Ocean Air Elementary School.

Monica is a volunteer at the International Community Foundation.