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FRESNO CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 1

*****MEDIA ADVISORY*****

**Councilmember Esmeralda Soria Honors
U.S. Poet Laureate Juan Felipe Herrera**

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FRESNO – Councilmember Esmeralda Soria will present a City of Fresno Proclamation to U.S. Poet Laureate Juan Felipe Herrera at the October 29th Fresno City Council Meeting. Herrera is the second U.S. Poet Laureate from the Central Valley and the first Latino to ever serve in this capacity.

Juan Felipe Herrera was born in Fowler, CA in 1948 and overcame significant adversity to attend some of our finest institutions of higher education including UCLA, Stanford University, the University of Iowa. For over 40 years Juan Felipe Herrera has taught throughout California including here locally at California State University, Fresno as the Chair of the Chicano and Latin American Studies Department as well as the University of California, Riverside.

“In addition to teaching our youth, Juan Felipe Herrera has authored over 25 literary works and he has received countless accolades and fellowships throughout his distinguished career,” said Councilmember Soria. She continued, “Our city and the entire Central Valley is truly privileged to have one of the greatest literary talents in our nation representing us on the national stage.”

**“Juan Felipe Herrera Day”
City of Fresno Proclamation**

**Fresno City Hall – Council Chambers
2600 Fresno Street, Fresno, CA 93721**

Thursday, October 29th | 8:30AM

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