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***Anti-Defamation League-Arizona Honors Mario E Diaz with the Martin L. Shultz
Community Partnership Award***

November 19, 2009- The Arizona Region Anti-Defamation League (ADL) recently awarded Mario E Diaz with the prestigious Martin L. Shultz Community Partnership Award for building bridges between the Latino community, the education community and various religious communities through his professional and personal community involvement efforts.

“Marty is a visionary and a true representation of the mission of the ADL to build bridges through communication, understanding and respect among diverse groups,” said Mario E Diaz. “It is an honor to receive an award in his name.”

The ADL instituted the Martin L. Shultz Community Partnership Award four years ago to recognize a Valley leader who had exemplified the spirit of partnership by bringing together people of all ages, races and religions for the betterment of the community. Prior recipients include: Tom Ambrose of the Phoenix Suns, George Weisz former City of Phoenix Executive and Dave Howell from Wells Fargo. Shultz presented the award named in his honor to Diaz at the Arizona Latino Research Enterprise Town Hall, an organization that Diaz co-founded and serves as a board member.

“Mario is one of the most generous people I have come to know with both his time and resources,” stated Bill Straus, the Arizona Regional Director for the ADL. “His commitment to fighting hate and bringing people together is absolutely commendable and the ADL was happy to do so.”

The ADL was founded in 1913 "to stop the defamation of the Jewish people and to secure justice and fair treatment to all." It is now the nation's premier civil rights/human relations agency. The ADL fights anti-Semitism and all forms of bigotry, defends democratic ideals and protects civil rights for all.

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