



CITY OF RICHMOND

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

October 18, 2017

Greetings!



As Mayor of the City of Richmond, it brings great pleasure to extend a warm welcome to all of the participants of the First Annual Salsa Batchata Congress held on September 7th and 8th, 2018 at the Richmond Marriott. Your theme "Unity through Diversity," is befitting of what our city is continuously striving for.

The City is thrilled to embrace an environment where cultural differences will be celebrated and accepted. We are looking forward to this unprecedented event that will begin writing its own chapter in the great history books of our city. We see this as the start of something new that will flourish for the years to come.

As you gather this weekend, I hope that you find time to also experience the Capital City. May your time in Richmond provide you with an unforgettable and inspirational stay here! I look forward to your return in the very near future and trust that you will continue to educate the community that we might gain a better understanding of the Latin culture.

Wishing you all the best with your performances and continued success in all that you do!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Levar M. Stoney". The signature is stylized and fluid.

Levar M. Stoney
Mayor