

We are heartbroken over the loss of founding advisory council member
J.J. Saldaña.

It's impossible to imagine Idaho without his influence and even more
unthinkable to imagine the world without him.

J.J. was a beloved friend, mentor and tireless advocate for the
advancement and uplifting of Idaho's Hispanic and Latino communities.
Like so many other endeavors, Voces would not exist without his vision,
unceasing work ethic and generous spirit.

He'd often repeat the motto: **“You can't be what you can't see.”**

He fiercely believed in the importance of making sure Idaho Latinos were
faithfully and truthfully represented in Idaho media and the public
sphere — work he started long before Voces was even an idea. And he
somehow found time to help many of our interns and welcome new
journalists to the community.

J.J. never sought the spotlight or demanded credit for the work he did
for so many, instead leading by example with an unfaltering dedication to
raising others up.

The void J.J. leaves in Idaho and in our hearts cannot be filled. We offer
our deepest condolences to his family and everyone who loved him.