Dear Friends,

Thank you to everyone who helped make possible last week’s awards ceremony to honor the winning entries to our contest for journalists from Baja California. This inaugural contest served to highlight the coverage of issues on the U.S.-Mexico border in 2019 and provide a platform for the talented and dedicated journalists in our region.

During the ceremony, Sandra Dibble, Lynne Walker and Gabriela Warkentin announced the winners in the categories of best human interest writing, best investigative writing, and best photo portfolio, and Jorge Ramos and UC San Diego’s Chancellor Pradeep Khosla shared special messages with the journalists. It was deeply inspiring to hear from each of the winning journalists about their work. A full video of the ceremony is available here and you can find additional information on our website.

We would like to thank Sandra Dibble for her vision for the contest and our panel of independent judges from the United States and Mexico: Homero Campa (Proceso), Alma Ceseña (The San Diego Union-Tribune), John Gibbins (The San Diego Union-Tribune), Carol Guzy, Daniel Hallin (UC San Diego), Alejandro Maciel (Los Angeles Times en Español), Lilia O’Hara (The San Diego Union-Tribune en Español), Pedro Valtierra (Cuartoscuro), Lynne Walker (InquireFirst) and Gabriela Warkentin (W Radio). We would also like to thank Andy Carey and the Border Philanthropy Partnership for supporting the event.

The awards were scheduled to be announced at Border Summit 2020, organized in collaboration with Tijuana Innovadora and the Smart Border Coalition. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the event has been postponed. We look forward to the opportunity to celebrate the winners in person as soon as circumstances permit and to carrying on this new tradition for many years to come.

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Congratulations to the winners of the 
**BORDER SUMMIT 2020 JOURNALISM AWARDS**

The San Diego Union-Tribune and the Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies at the UC San Diego School of Global Policy and Strategy would like to recognize the following Baja California journalists for their exemplary journalism along the border region.

### BEST HUMAN INTEREST CATEGORY
1. **Manuel Alejandro Ayala Chávez** “Deportados connacionales a la deriva” – Zeta
2. **Manuel Alejandro Ayala Chávez** “Huir de la sangre – desplazados por la violencia” – Playboy Mexico
3. **Ángela Torres Lozano**, **Uriel Salcedo**, **Lorena Lamas** y **Lourdes Loza Romero** “En el desamparo” – Zeta

### BEST INVESTIGATIVE WRITING CATEGORY
1. **Armando Nieblas del Campo** y **Cristian Torres Cruz** “Las aguas negras de Kiko Vega” – Radarbc.com
2. **Cristian Torres Cruz** “Feminicidio de Estado” – Radarbc.com
3. **Isaí Lara** “Bujanda ‘El hombre de Kiko’ con 13 millones en propiedades” – Zeta

### PHOTOGRAPHY
1. **Omar Martínez** – Cuartoscuro
2. **Víctor Medina** – La Crónica
3. **Alejandro Cossío** – Freelance (OZY, Revista Cuartoscuro)

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