

Voice Your Language

A Public Forum on Multilingual Education in California



**SAN DIEGO STATE
UNIVERSITY**

February 12, 2016
Montezuma Hall
9:00 am – 12:30 pm



Keynote: Juan Felipe Herrera

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Mexican American Performer & Activist

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Presented by students from the:
Department of Dual Language and English Learner Education



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Welcome

Students in the Department of Dual Language and English Learner Education welcome you to *Voice Your Language's* 2nd Annual forum on multilingual education in California. *Voice Your Language* is a grassroots organization dedicated to recognizing the dual character of language as both a means of communication and a carrier of culture and identity, and infusing this understanding of language into multilingual education policy and practice.

Our collective work, today, revolves around three key areas, which *Voice Your Language* believes are essential for the organizing and sustaining of collective action in the name of language rights and equity in education:

- Articulating our core beliefs and foundational assumptions about why multilingualism and biliteracy belong in our schools;
- Articulating who we are individually and collectively in relation to a local, state and national movement toward additive multilingual and multicultural education programs;
- Imagining new possibilities for our individual and collective praxis.

Thank you for accepting our invitation to participate in a dialogue about how we, as bilingual learners, teachers and citizens, imagine the future of multilingualism and biliteracy in our schools.

Agenda

8:30 AM- 9:00 AM

Open Registration/ Sign-in

9:00 AM- 9:30 AM

Welcome

Students in the Department of Dual Language and English Learner Education (DLE), College of Education, San Diego State University (SDSU)

Dr. Joseph F. Johnson Jr., Dean, College of Education, SDSU

Dr. Cristina Alfaro, Chair and Associate Professor, DLE Department, SDSU

9:30 AM- 10:30 PM

Keynote Address

Juan Felipe Herrera

2015 United States Poet Laureate

10:30 PM- 11:30 AM

Educator's Panel/Community Dialogue

Veronika Lopez-Mendez, Principal, Rosa Parks Elementary School

Esther Wise, Assistant Principal, Otay Ranch High School

Magda Maldonado, History Instructional Leader, Chula Vista Learning Community Charter High School

Joanna Arteaga, Dual Language Student, Otay Ranch High School

Alexa Hernandez, Dual Language Student, Chula Vista Learning Community Center High School

11:30 AM- 12:00 PM

Broche de Oro

Juan Felipe Herrera & Dr. Alberto Ochoa

12:00 PM- 12:05 PM

Thank You and Close

12:05 PM- 12:30 PM

Book Signing with Juan Felipe Herrera



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My Thinking

Notes • Thoughts • Opinions

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Collaborative Thinking



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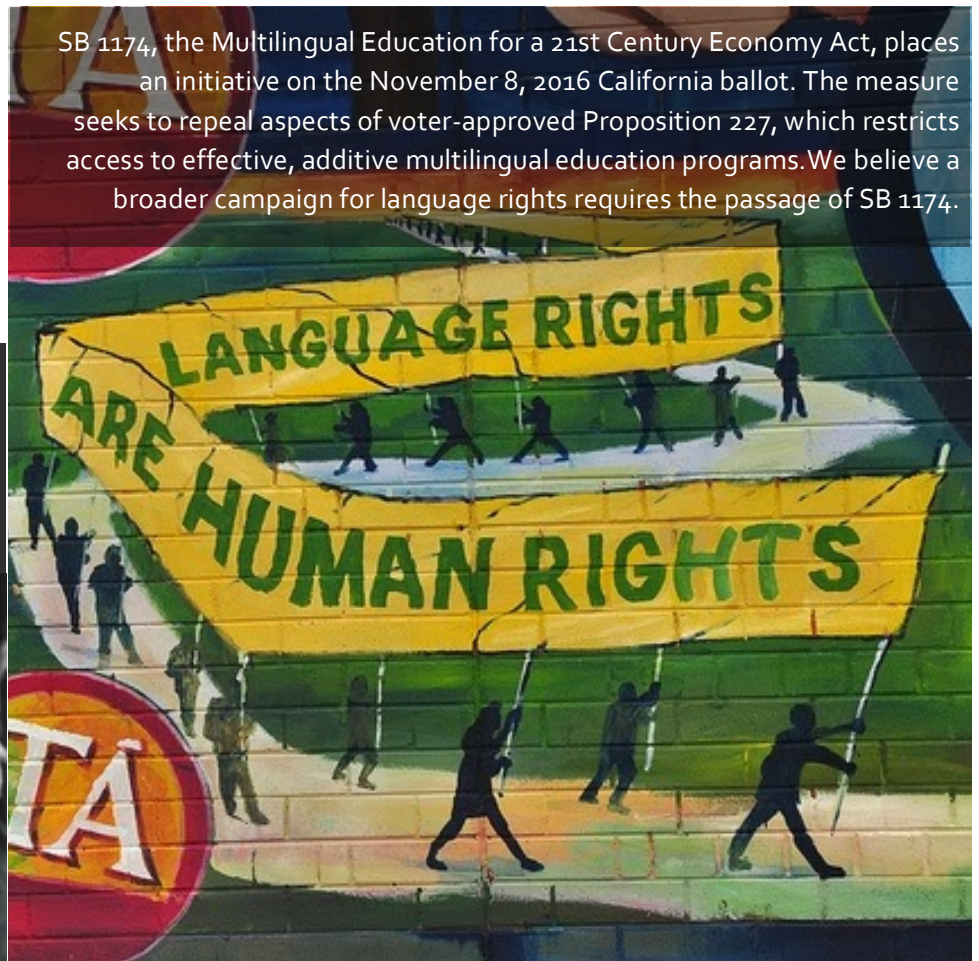
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SB 1174 is on the November 2016 California ballot.

Teachers in Los Angeles wear gags
at a July 1998 board of educators
meeting to protest the passage of
Proposition 227.

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Voice Your Language, Stop the Silence

This is a call for collective action.