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BRINGING THE WATTS COMMUNITY TOGETHER

Cultural Unity Street Festival will be held May 10-11 along Central Ave.

LOS ANGELES – For the first time in more than 40 years, the south Los Angeles community of Watts will have a street festival – this time it will be to celebrate cultural unity and will be held on Saturday, May 10, 2008 from noon to 11:00 p.m., and Sunday, May 11, 2008 from noon to 10:00 p.m. along Central Ave., between Imperial Hwy. and 108th St.

The free family event will include carnival rides, multicultural entertainment, food and retail vendors, and more. On Saturday only from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. there will be the Watts Healthy Farmers' Market, and from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. will be a health and safety fair.

Event supporters include the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, Councilmember Janice Hahn (15th District, in which Watts is located), the Los Angeles Police Department's Southeast Community Police Station, and the Watts Gang Task Force.

For more information about the Cultural Unity Street Festival call William Nickerson Recreation Center, a City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks located at 11251 Compton Ave., near the event site, at (323) 566-1416.

Two other Department facilities will hold community festivals the weekend of 5/9 – 5/11 that will have a Cinco de Mayo feel:

- Fred Roberts Recreation Center, 4700 S. Honduras St., (323) 234-8650, 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. each day. Free admission; food, games, and carnival rides have varying costs.
- Penmar Recreation Center, 1341 Lake St., Venice, (310) 396-8735, 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Friday, noon to 10:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Free admission; food, games, and carnival rides have varying costs.

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