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### **COUNCILMEMBER JOSE HUIZAR LAUNCHES THE FIRST ANNUAL CONCERT AND FIREWORKS SHOW AT EVERGREEN PARK**

*After More Than 30 Years of Absence, Fireworks Show Returns to Boyle Heights*

**LOS ANGELES**— Councilmember José Huizar, District 14, and Soledad Enrichment Action (SEA) launched the 1st Annual Concert and Fireworks Show at Evergreen Recreation Center. The event was the first of its kind to be held at the recreation center in more than 30 years.

Hundreds of families from all over East Los Angeles attended the event in celebration of 4<sup>th</sup> of July. The concert included performances from local bands such as the East Los Angeles Jazz Ensemble, Sabor Latino, Gilbert Moret and Chico Band, and Elsa Chacon. As part of the event, thirteen different community based organizations and city departments distributed information on services ranging from gang prevention to energy conservation.

“When I was a child growing up in Boyle Heights, I remember the excitement that surrounded 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Every year my family and I would walk to Evergreen Park and watch the fireworks show. It was an experience that enriched my childhood and left me great memories that I still cherish today. I wanted our youth of today to have the same experience,” said Councilman Huizar.

The event was co-sponsored by SEA, which for the last 34 years has provided high-risk youth and their families alternatives to gangs, drugs and violence. SEA also provides alternative high school and parenting education services, mental health therapy, drug & alcohol counseling.

“Providing real alternatives to gangs is one of my top priorities, my goal was to have the event serve as a gateway to provide families and individuals with information on a variety of services. We had SEA, L.A. Youth Movement, Homeboy Industries and others provide information, that will hopefully have an impact on the youth of the area,” added Councilman Huizar.

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