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**COUNCILMEMBER JOSE HUIZAR AND MARIACHI LOS CAMPEROS SAY GOODBYE TO
THE HISTORIC LA FONDA RESTAURANT IN LOS ANGELES**

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 28, 2007 – Councilmember José Huizar, District 14, and Nati Cano, founder of the world famous Mariachi Los Camperos will host the final mariachi performance at the historic La Fonda restaurant in Los Angeles. After 37 years of providing world class mariachi entertainment, La Fonda will host its final performance and close temporarily. La Fonda restaurant was started by Nati Cano in 1969 with a vision of providing a venue where Angelinos could gather and enjoy performances from some of the best mariachis in the world.

“We are sad to see one of the great restaurants and historical landmarks of Los Angeles leave the MacArthur Park area after more than thirty years of providing world class entertainment; but I am excited to announce that La Fonda will reopen in a new location in the revitalized downtown area of my district,” said Councilman Huizar.

“I believe their new location will provide La Fonda with a wider exposure and it will allow the mariachi tradition of Los Angeles to continue in a new more vibrant part of the City.”

A traditionalist and a visionary, Nati Cano has both mirrored and shaped the history of mariachi music. He and Mariachi Los Camperos, which he founded in 1961, have been a fixture in the Los Angeles area and a driving force in the mariachi tradition in the United States for more than 40 years.

“I always say that the road to progress is constantly under construction. My vision for Mariachi Los Camperos and La Fonda has always been to be at the forefront of musical and entertainment trends,” said Nati Cano.

“I am sad to leave the history and memories that are in this building, but I am looking forward to moving to a new location that promises to make La Fonda one of the premier entertainment destinations in the City of Los Angeles.”

The new La Fonda will reopen in approximately nine months in a yet to be determined location in downtown Los Angeles. The new location will be owned by restaurateur Rudy Martinez and all entertainment will be managed by Nati Cano.

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