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Community Joins Councilmember Huizar for Bridge Opening, Pre-Independence Day Celebration

Hollenbeck Park Bridge opening followed by Third Annual Boyle Heights Fireworks and Concert celebration

LOS ANGELES (June 28, 2009) – Councilmember José Huizar joined community members Sunday for the reopening of the historic floating bridge that sits on Hollenbeck Park Lake. The dedication was followed by the Councilmember’s Third Annual Fireworks and Concert celebration.

“Today we mark two great milestones,” Huizar said. “The reopening of a completely refurbished bridge that has been a destination spot for families for decades and our annual fireworks show and concert, celebrating the birth of our great nation.”

Huizar joined officials from the City’s Recreation and Park and Bureau of Engineering departments for the bridge reopening, which initially was slated for a \$450,000 makeover but came in almost \$100,000 under budget after construction began in February. Prior to being closed for more than five years due to safety concerns, the bridge was a popular spot for wedding and quinceañera photos due to its picturesque view.

Councilmember Huizar also announced Sunday that an additional \$150,000 in park improvements earmarked by the Councilmember should be finished soon. Improvements include landscaping upgrades, tree plantings and the installation of an exercise equipment fitness zone.

The Third Annual Boyle Heights Fireworks and Concert celebration included a dazzling fireworks show and music by Mariachi Olimpico, Domingo Siete and Impact. Organizations that sponsored booths included Roosevelt and Salesian high schools, the Aliso Pico Girl Scouts, Victory Outreach and the Los Angeles Youth Opportunity Center, as well as representatives from the 2010 Census and the Los Angeles Department of Transportation. Jarritos Sodas donated drinks to the event.

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