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City Council Proclaims June 30th 'El Sereno' Day

Councilmember Huizar honors town and 50th Anniversary of Bicentennial Committees' Independence Day Celebration

LOS ANGELES (July 1, 2009) – The Los Angeles City Council honored the community of El Sereno by declaring June 30, 2009, “El Sereno Day,” while recognizing the Bicentennial Committee’s 50th Anniversary of its Independence Day Parade and newly elected Honorary Mayor Eddie Santillan.

“El Sereno is the kind of place where sons and daughters return home to raise their own families and that’s why this proud community has thrived for all these years,” said Councilmember Huizar.

Santillan, who was present with about 60 El Sereno residents and his family, including his father, Lou Santillan, gave an emotional speech, saying the L.A. City General Services employee ran for mayor to honor his father and all he taught him about giving back to the community. The elder Santillan is a former honorary mayor and community activist, as well as a retired field deputy for former CD 14 Councilmembers Art Snyder and Richard Alatorre. Snyder attended Tuesday’s ceremony, which included a lunch reception outside City Hall.

The El Sereno Bicentennial Committee will host its Independence Day Parade this Sunday, July 5, beginning at 2 p.m. at Portola Avenue and Huntington Drive and ending at El Sereno Park. The parade will be followed by Councilmember Huizar’s Second Annual Independence Day Fireworks and Concert Celebration at 4 p.m., a family friendly event featuring food, music and booths highlighting community organizations in El Sereno. The free fireworks show will take place about 8:30 p.m.

Also present at Tuesday’s event were El Sereno 2009 Bicentennial Committee President Genevieve Hall, Vice-President Violeta Urbina, Treasurer Maria Elena Garcia, Recording Secretary Christina Lopez and Corresponding Secretary Martha Nunez, as well as members Richard Canales and Ahmed Lopez, also a past honorary mayor.

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