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ENCANTO BLOCK PARTY AND MUSIC FESTIVAL RETURNS TO DISTRICT 4 THIS SUNDAY

FREE COMMUNITY CELEBRATION WILL FEATURE LIVE MUSIC, LOCAL VENDORS,
FOOD AND FAMILY-FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES AT MARIE WIDMAN PARK

SAN DIEGO — Councilmember Henry L. Foster III and the San Diego Black Arts + Culture District (SDBLACKACD) invite all San Diego residents to attend the third annual Encanto Block Party and Music Festival this Sunday, July 12, from noon to 7:30 p.m. at Marie Widman Park, located at 6715 Imperial Ave.

The free community celebration will bring together music, art, culture, food, and family-friendly activities in the heart of the San Diego Black Arts + Culture District. This year's event combines the Encanto Block Party with the district's annual music festival, expanding the celebration along Imperial Avenue between Woodman and 68th streets.

The 2026 Encanto Block Party and Music Festival also honors a long-standing community tradition that began in 1993, when residents came together to celebrate the installation of the decorative medians and 24 public art panels created by renowned artist Eddie Edwards along Imperial Avenue. That original celebration became a beloved annual neighborhood festival. Building on that legacy, today's Encanto Block Party and Music Festival continues the tradition of bringing the community together to celebrate the culture, history, and creativity of Encanto.

"The Encanto Block Party and Music Festival is an important celebration of the creativity, history and cultural contributions of San Diego's Black community," said Giadi Finnie, Executive Director of the San Diego African American Museum of Fine Art. "By bringing residents together in the San Diego Black Arts + Culture District, the festival confirms the

enormous talents of San Diego's Black community. We are proud to be a part of the collective efforts to bring an event that strengthens the district and ensures Black arts and culture remain visible, celebrated, and accessible to all."

The festival, hosted by Dominic Malone, features a lineup of San Diego-based performers curated by the festival's music director and SDBLACKACD Advisory Committee member, Grammy Award-winning producer Kamau Kenyatta..

FEATURED PERFORMERS

- Dub Testament
- Geminelle
- Kahlil Nash
- Lenny "Fuzzy" Rankins

Festival DJ Dauché and will also perform throughout the day. Delete Almond Eyez

"There is nothing better than being in community, surrounded by our people, celebrating our culture in the heart of District 4," said Councilmember Henry L. Foster III. "The Encanto Block Party and Music Festival bring us together to enjoy Black art, live music, good food, and one another, while creating real opportunities for our local artists, vendors, and small businesses. Events like this strengthen our community, support our local economy, and remind us of the power of coming together."

Attendees can also enjoy local food and retail vendors, community resources, and activities for the entire family. Admission is free.

Parking near the festival will be limited. Attendees are encouraged to use public transportation. A free shuttle service will be available from the 62nd Street Trolley Station and with stops along Imperial Avenue between 61st and 65th streets.

The event is presented by the San Diego Black Arts + Culture District and the San Diego African American Museum of Fine Art, in partnership with the Diamond Business Improvement District, Black San Diego, SD Melanin, with support from City of San Diego Councilmember of the Fourth District Henry L. Foster III, San Diego County Supervisor Monica Montgomery Steppe and California Assemblymember Dr. LaShae Sharp-Collins.

EVENT DETAILS

WHAT: Encanto Block Party and Music Festival

WHEN: Sunday, July 12, 2026, from noon to 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: Marie Widman Park, 6715 Imperial Ave., San Diego, CA 92114

COST: Free

INFORMATION: sdblackacad.org

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Councilmember Foster represents San Diego's Fourth Council District, including communities of Alta Vista, Broadway Heights, Chollas View, Emerald Hills, Encanto, Greater Skyline Hills, Jamacha, Lincoln Park, Lomita Village, Mountain View, North Bay Terraces, O'Farrell, Oak Park, Paradise Hills, Ridgeview, South Bay Terraces, Valencia Park, and Webster.

Councilmember Foster is the Chair of the Budget & Government Efficiency Committee, Vice Chair of the Active Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, Vice Chair of the Audit Committee, Member of the Economic Development & Intergovernmental Relations Committee, and Member of the Community & Neighborhood Services Committee.