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# Press Release



## Downey Celebrating 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with Sister City

### Downey and Guadalajara, Jalisco Come Together to Celebrate Affiliation

Downey, CA, August 11, 2010: The City of Downey will be celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of its affiliation with Sister City, Guadalajara, Jalisco Mexico during a special celebration this month. The festivities are scheduled to begin on Wednesday, August 18, when dignitaries from Guadalajara arrive in Downey. The City, in partnership with Downey's Sister Cities Association, will be hosting activities, which will include a welcoming ceremony at City Hall, tours of historic city sites, a formal reception dinner, special program at the Columbia Memorial Space Center and a park luncheon.

The formal dinner reception, taking place on Thursday, August 19 at 7pm at the Rio Hondo Event Center, is open to the public and tickets can be purchased at \$50 each. Those interested can make their reservations by calling the City of Downey at 562-904-1895.

The Downey Sister Cities Association was established by the City of Downey under President Eisenhower's "People to People" program with the purpose of promoting peace and building positive relationships between Americans and people of other nations. Downey was the first city to establish an affiliation with a city in Mexico. The affiliation was signed on August 26, 1960 with the City of Guadalajara, Jalisco Mexico. Some of the programs that have developed from this affiliation include educational, business, and cultural exchanges, education & training for establishment of the first Paramedic program in the State of Jalisco Mexico, earthquake training preparedness, and donations of medical equipment and supplies.

Downey also has four other Sister Cities, which include Valle of San Quintin, Baja California Mexico, Ensenada, Mexico, Fresnillo Zacatecas, Mexico and Alajuela, Costa Rica.

If you would like more information on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event, please contact the City at 562-904-1895.

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