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Concord Celebrates 150th Anniversary of Todos Santos with 2018 Great Places in California Recognition and Statue Dedication Honoring City Founder Don Salvio Pacheco

Concord, Calif. (July 2, 2018) – The City of Concord is celebrating the 150th anniversary of the heart of its downtown, Todos Santos Plaza, with a Fourth of July ceremony and statue dedication of town founder Don Salvio Pacheco. The celebration comes as the American Planning Association (APA) named Todos Santos Plaza one of three 2018 Great Places in California. The APA awards Great Places recognition to places that contribute to the vibrancy and livability of a community and reflect local culture and history.

“Todos Santos Plaza has truly been one of California’s Great Places since it was founded as the city’s town square 150 years ago,” said Mayor Edi Birsan. “This Independence Day, we celebrate both our nation’s founding and the birth of our city, and the mutual values they represent.”

Today, Todos Santos Plaza serves as the center of the City of Concord, with dozens of restaurants, shops and snack spots. It regularly hosts community events, farmers’ markets, concerts, charity fundraisers and holiday celebrations. It features Spanish-inspired architecture, and was designed with a grid pattern consistent with the founding Hispano-American cities. The plaza is connected to the Concord BART Station with easy access through a series of new landscaping, lighting, street furniture, signage kiosks and upgraded paving for pedestrian and bicyclist safety.

The statue, funded by donations from individuals, corporate sponsors and civic organizations, was created by master sculptor Paula Slater. With more than 30 years of experience, Slater is internationally recognized for her work creating bronze monuments and portrait busts. Two of her sculptures are designated as State Landmark Monuments, and she created a U.S. National Monument housed on a U.S. Air Force base in Texas.

The City’s Independence Day and 150th Anniversary celebration begins at Todos Santos Plaza on July 4 at 8 a.m. with the Concord Police Association’s 9th Annual Stars and Stripes Run. Visitors can then watch Concord’s 4th of July Parade, beginning at 10 a.m. and join the Don Salvio Pacheco statue unveiling and dedication at noon.

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