

CITY OF PALMDALE

MEDIA ALERT

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Photo/Interview Opportunity

WHAT: Unveiling of the life-size bronze Larry Chimbole statue, the first mayor of Palmdale.

WHEN: **TODAY, Thursday, October 8, 2015 at 10 am**

WHERE: Poncitlán Square, 38315 9th Street East, Palmdale (between Avenues Q-9 and Q-10; across from Palmdale City Hall.)

WHO: Palmdale City Council members; Local Legends statue committee members; Artists Michael De Medina and Tony Murachanian; and donors.

BACKGROUND: Local citizens joined together in a grass roots effort to create the first in a series of Local Legends statues. Donations of over \$40,000 were collected over 1 ½ years to bring the idea to fruition. Local artist David Arroyo drew the original concept, local sculptor Michael de Medina worked on the life-sized bronze, and local craftsman Tony Murachanian built the custom bench. The statue will be displayed in Poncitlán Square for citizens and visitors to enjoy.

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