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Palmdale to Welcome Delegates from Sister City to Celebrate 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

PALMDALE - Delegates from the City of Palmdale's sister city Poncitlán, Jalisco, Mexico will visit Sept. 24 through 28 as part of the two cities' ongoing affiliation and to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their sister city relationship.

In 1974, Palmdale chose Poncitlán as its sister city in 1974 because the two cities shared rural similarities. At the time, Palmdale's population was only 11,000 but has now grown to more than 153,000.

Delegates are scheduled to arrive on Wednesday, Sept. 24 where they will enjoy a reception at the Chimbole Cultural Center. Among the activities planned for the group during their stay are trips to the Nethercutt Museum in Sylmar, Bella Donna Tea Room, Joe Davies Heritage Airpark at Palmdale Plant 42; a western BBQ; and a gala dinner.

"We are delighted to welcome the members of our Sister City delegation to Palmdale as we celebrate 40 years of a wonderful relationship," said Palmdale Mayor Jim Ledford.

President Eisenhower initiated the Sister City Program in 1956. This program works to develop one-on-one community relations with cities in other countries and provides Palmdale residents the opportunity to visit Mexico or volunteer under the sister cities relationship. For more information, please contact Pat Minghelli at 661/992/8987.

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