



Plaza de Panama Kicks Off Public Walking Tour Series

Guided Tours Offer Public Ideal Opportunity to Learn about Plaza de Panama Project



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SAN DIEGO--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- The Plaza de Panama Committee officially kicked off its public walking tour series today in Balboa Park with newest Committee member, Bill Walton, leading media on the first tour. The walking tours will take place the third Saturday of every month and offer the public an opportunity to learn more about the project and its benefits to Balboa Park.

"I am excited to be part of the Plaza de Panama Committee and honored to lead the series' first walking tour," said basketball legend Walton, a San Diego native and lifelong neighbor of Balboa Park. "Balboa Park has been a part of my life since I was a young child, and I enjoyed sharing my knowledge of the park and love for its beautiful spaces and rich history."

Plaza de Panama Committee chair Dr. Irwin Jacobs, and Mayor Jerry Sanders joined Walton for the walking tour series kick-off.

"We understand the Plaza de Panama project is of great interest to the city and will continue to ensure the public has every opportunity to be involved in the process," said Jacobs. "There is no better way to envision the proposed project and understand how it addresses park visitors' needs than to come out and see it firsthand."

The monthly walking tours will be led by members of the Plaza de Panama Design team and provide the public with detailed information on the project's proposed plans and design renderings. The public will also be able to witness the pedestrian-auto conflicts that the project largely resolves.

The tours will take place from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., starting at the Plaza de California (in front of the Museum of Man) and ending at the Organ Pavilion parking lot. The Plaza de Panama Committee recommends wearing comfortable, flat shoes to tour the park.

For more information on the walking tours and project, please visit www.plazadepanama.org or you can find us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/#!/PlazadePanama> or follow us on Twitter at http://twitter.com/#!/plaza_de_panama/.

About the Plaza de Panama Project

The Plaza de Panama project proposes to remove all cars from the core of Balboa Park and reclaim the Plaza de Panama, Plaza de California, West El Prado, Esplanade and Pan American Road and return them to their historic pedestrian use in advance of the Park's 2015 Centennial celebration. The project also includes the construction of an underground parking structure behind the Spreckels Organ Pavilion that will be topped with new park space. All told, the project will create 6.3 acres of new parks and plazas where there are currently asphalt roads and parking lots. Through the construction of the Centennial Bridge, traffic will be routed to avoid pedestrian-vehicle conflicts, instead of traversing through the heart of the park as it does today. The Plaza de Panama project will be paid for entirely through private donations and a self-supporting bond – no taxpayer funds will be needed to implement the project.

About Plaza de Panama Committee

Founded by Dr. Irwin Jacobs, the Plaza de Panama Committee is a sole purpose entity devoted to the

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development and implementation of the Plaza de Panama Project. It is separate, but complementary to, the Balboa Park Conservancy and the Balboa Park Centennial Committee. The committee will sunset with completion of the project. It is a 501(c)(3) California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation.

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