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**Congressman Robert T. Matsui's legacy and contributions to be honored
at dedication of Robert T. Matsui Waterfront Park:
Monday, October 20th**

Sacramento, California, October 16, 2008—Congresswoman Doris Matsui, Mayor Heather Fargo, and residents will gather on Monday, October 20th, to honor the legacy of Congressman Robert T. Matsui by dedicating the Sacramento River Water Intake Facility and the park adjacent to it as Robert T. Matsui Waterfront Park. The dedication is one of many fitting tributes to a statesman who served this region and nation as a City of Sacramento Councilmember and a U.S. Congressman. The **Robert T. Matsui Waterfront Park Dedication Ceremony** will take place on **Monday, October 20th**, from **11 a.m. – 12 p.m.**, at **Robert T. Matsui Waterfront Park – 450 Jibboom Street, Sacramento.**

"I am so honored that the City of Sacramento has paid this wonderful tribute to my late husband, Bob Matsui. Bob loved Sacramento and I know that Sacramento loved Bob," said Congresswoman Matsui. "This park, a place where families will congregate for generations to come, is a fitting tribute to his commitment to representing the people of Sacramento."

Born in Sacramento, Congressman Matsui attended C.K. McClatchy High School, graduated from the University of California, Hastings College of Law and practiced law in the City of Sacramento. He also served on Sacramento's City Council from 1971-1978, including a term as Vice-Mayor. Elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1978, Congressman Matsui served the Sacramento region and the nation with distinction during a period of service that spanned thirty-three years.

"It is a great honor to recognize the many contributions of Sacramento's late Congressman, Robert T. Matsui. As our Representative in Washington D.C., Bob's dedication and hard work providing federal resources to Sacramento helped increase flood protection throughout our City as well as assisting many needed projects and programs for our residents. All of his work in Washington on our behalf helped make Sacramento a truly great City," said Mayor Heather Fargo.

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With the dedication of Robert T. Matsui Waterfront Park, current and future visitors to one of the most beautiful stretches along the Sacramento River will forever reflect on Congressman Matsui's service to this city, region, and nation.

Monday's dedication ceremony will include:

- Remarks by Congresswoman Doris Matsui and Mayor Heather Fargo
- Dedication of Sacramento River Water Intake Facility and adjacent park as Robert T. Matsui Waterfront Park
- Unveiling of Robert T. Matsui Waterfront Park sign
- Highlights of future amenities to be constructed at park

General inquiries about the Robert T. Matsui Waterfront Park Dedication Ceremony can be forwarded to the Department of Parks and Recreation at (916) 808-5200.

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Robert T. Matsui Waterfront Park includes:

Six-acre park along the Sacramento River

Located on one of the most beautiful stretches along the Sacramento River, the park is a choice destination for pedestrians, bicyclists, and sightseers. The park compliments its natural surroundings and provides sweeping views of the Sacramento River. A network of pedestrian walkways, benches, and shade trees makes the park an ideal place for reflection.

Sacramento River Water Intake Facility

The Sacramento River Water Intake Facility pumps water from the Sacramento River to the Sacramento River Water Treatment Plant across Interstate 5. The Intake structure has the ability to provide up to 160 million gallons of water per day to Sacramento. It is designed to look like a dragonfly floating on the water and features several pieces of public art and a fountain that greets visitors in its plaza.

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