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Tennis Tournament and Fundraiser raises funds for upgrades to one of East Sacramento's most important recreational assets

Sacramento, California, July 27, 2009—Councilmember Steve Cohn, Friends of McKinley Park Tennis, Future Stars 2000's, Inc., and the Department of Parks and Recreation invite tennis players of all abilities to participate in this weekend's **Friends of McKinley Park Tennis Tournament & Fundraiser**.

The fundraiser, which is a community-driven effort to raise funds for upgrades to the McKinley Park Tennis Courts, will take place this **Saturday, August 1st**, from **9 a.m. – 4 p.m.** at the McKinley Park Tennis Courts, located at McKinley Park - 601 Alhambra Boulevard (corner of McKinley Blvd. & 33rd Street).

"I feel a little bit of déjà vu. When I first got on the Council, the McKinley Park tennis courts were in terrible shape, but we worked with the community to find creative ways to raise the funds to resurface them. Fifteen years later, we need to do it again," said Councilmember Cohn. "Some of our best local tennis players grew up on those courts. With the severe cuts to the City's Parks budget, we need the community again to step to the plate to help keep this important public resource open and playable for the next generation."

Councilmember Cohn and many other local dignitaries will take part in the fundraising tournament. All entrants will receive a commemorative tennis shirt and be entered into a drawing for valuable prizes. There will also be lots of tennis related product booths. Entry forms are available at the McKinley Park Tennis Courts or by calling (916) 215-5766.

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