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Tennis Players Converge on Newly Renovated McKinley Park Tennis Courts for Re-opening Ceremony and Three Day Tennis Tournament: Saturday, May 29

Sacramento, California, May 27, 2010—The McKinley Park Tennis Courts have been closed for the past two months while undergoing much needed renovations. This Saturday, the courts will re-open to reveal some impressive improvements: ***ball wall for practicing serves, new court surface colored in U.S. Open blue and green, accessible gates, specially designed nets, and improved drainage.***

In celebration of the improvements, a ribbon cutting ceremony will be held followed by a 150-participant, three day tennis tournament. The re-opening ceremony will take place this **Saturday, May 29 at 9:00 a.m.** The tournament will begin at 9:45 a.m. and conclude on Monday.

The **McKinley Park Tennis Courts** are located within McKinley Park at **601 Alhambra Boulevard.**

"This tennis court renewal is the result of an amazing partnership of community members who share a love of the historic McKinley Park tennis courts and recognize the importance of continuing the City's proud tradition of providing access to quality tennis courts for the general public," said District 3 Council Member Steve Cohn. "That we were able to pull this off with grants and donations in the middle of the worst recession since World War II is all the more remarkable."

The McKinley Park Tennis Court renovation project was funded without General Fund revenues. It was funded with a grant from the U.S. Tennis Association, park development fees, cell tower revenue, and donations from Spare Time Inc. and McKinley Park residents through the efforts of *Friends of McKinley Park Tennis.*

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