



Attending the kiosk dedication ceremony were, from left, Carlos Vargas, Jose Isaías Rodríguez Hernández, Carla Barragán, LA City Councilman Nick Pacheco, Jalisco Secretary Abraham González Uyeda, Mexican Consul Lara Marta, CEO Julian Burke, Monica Medina, Humberto Esparza Jiménez, Enrique Banuelos Solís and Diego Cardoso, MTA director, Regional Transportation Planning. PHOTO BY LUIS INZUNZA

Mexican Official Dedicates Decorative Benches for Mariachi Plaza

(May 18, 2001) A top Mexican official today dedicated 17 decorative wrought-iron benches donated by the State of Jalisco during a ceremony hosted by the MTA at Mariachi Plaza in East Los Angeles.

Abraham González Uyeda, secretary of economic development for Jalisco, said the benches represent the state's 17 municipalities. Mexican artisans created the benches as a gift to the people of Los Angeles.

"With the gift of these 17 beautiful benches from the State of Jalisco our partnership continues to enrich this vibrant, urban setting next to the future site of the proposed East Los Angeles light rail station at First and Boyle," said City Councilman Nick Pacheco (14th District), who represents the community. "These benches will celebrate, in perpetuity, the mariachis of Los Angeles who bring their music and vitality to the plaza every day of the year."

In 1998, the State of Jalisco donated a traditional Mexican kiosk for Mariachi Plaza at 1st and Boyle streets. Juan Pablo Salas, a renowned stone artisan from Guadalajara, assembled the kiosk. The Installation of



The Mariachi Plaza kiosk, donated in 1998 by the Mexican State of Jalisco, stands at the intersection of 1st and Boyle. The decorative benches complete the landmark installation.

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The benches also serve as pedestrian enhancements for the plaza, which lies along the alignment for the proposed East Los Angeles light-rail line.

Uyeda attended the ceremony on behalf of the governor of Jalisco, Francisco Ramírez Acuña. The ceremony featured mariachi music by a Roosevelt High School group and folkloric ballet by Bronson House Catholic Charities.

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