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Employees Invited to ‘Juneteenth’ Event, Friday, at West Valley Division

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(June 14, 2006) Metro employees are hosting the annual “Juneteenth,” event on Friday, June 16 at West Valley Division 8 in Chatsworth.

Around 200 to 300 employees are expected to attend. Lunch and entertainment will be provided from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Professional hip hop dancer Alexis Fenderson, from Faithful Central Church in Inglewood, will showcase her skills while DJ D-Train spins records in the background. Beverly “BJ” Mosely will read poetry.

Krump Hip Hop dancers Ramape and Twin Ramape will perform the Krump style of dance—a high-energy mix of break-dancing, gymnastics and spasm-like movements.

Lunch includes a soul food-style menu—barbecue chicken, hot links, collard greens and peach cobbler for dessert, according to operators Stephanie Rhodes and Luther Philyaw who are coordinating the event.

Juneteenth—June 19, 1865—marked the end of slavery in America. Union General Gordon Granger rode into Galveston, Tex., to read the General Order Number 3, which freed the remaining 250,000 slaves. It is now an addendum to Independence Day.

The United Transportation Union is helping sponsor Friday’s event by donating \$500, along with contributions from Metro employees.

Raffle tickets will be handed out for various door prizes.