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MTA TO CO-SPONSOR SEPTEMBER 8 CENTRAL AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

The MTA, in partnership with the Central American Festivities Committee, is co-sponsoring the 12th Annual Central American Independence Day parade and celebration at MacArthur Park on Sunday, September 8, 1996 from 12 noon to 6 p.m.

"We believe it is important to support community cultural events, especially along Wilshire Boulevard, which is served by the Metro Red Line and one of our busiest bus routes," said Joseph E. Drew, MTA's CEO. "We are part of the community and we are here to join them in their celebration."

People attending the celebration can learn more about various MTA services that include the newly opened Red Line Wilshire Extension, Blue Line and Green Line rail services, and obtain bus route information. MTA also will provide information on other programs such as Rail Safety, Graffiti Abatement and the highly popular Freeway Service Patrol.

Thousands of celebrants from seven nations celebrating their 175th anniversary of independence—El Salvador, Guatemala, Belize, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and Panama—will participate in the event. The consulate corps from the nations as well as local elected officials are expected to attend.

For more information regarding the celebration call the Central American Festivities Committee at 213-413-3191.

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