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El Monte Community Unites for 22nd Annual Children's Day Parade and Harvest Festival

El Monte, Calif. – The heart of El Monte was once again filled with music, dancing, laughter and joy as the city hosted the 22nd annual Emily Ishigaki Children's Day Parade and Harvest Festival October 15.

Droves of families, friends and community supporters lined the streets of Valley Mall and Tyler Avenue to cheer on more than 70 groups of parade participants representing El Monte's local schools and organizations.

"We are a city that is rich in culture, talent and comradery which is what makes this celebration so special every year," Councilman Juventino "J" Gomez said. "Our children are our future and it brings me joy to celebrate and showcase their achievements through this community celebration."

The parade, co-hosted by Gomez and Councilwoman Norma Macias, culminated with a Harvest Festival hosted at Arceo Park. Families were treated to a variety of games, rides, prizes, contests, vendors, shows and lots of delicious food.

The main attraction at the Harvest Festival proved to be the children performers showcasing their impressive mixed martial art techniques and masterful folklorico dance moves. Crowds gathered outside the amphitheater to cheer the children on during their performances.

El Monte's Children's Day Parade is made possible each year by the El Monte City Council in partnership with El Monte Parks, Recreation & Community Services Department, El Monte Public Works, El Monte Police Department and the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

Photos

Parade1: El Monte High School Marching Band makes its way down Tyler Ave during the 22nd annual Children's Day Parade and Harvest Festival October 15.

Parade2: Children from the Frank Alex Folklorico Dance studio showcase their moves at the 22nd annual Children's Day Parade and Harvest Festival October 15.

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