

## Honoring Lost Loved Ones During Día de los Muertos

*Cemetery Invites Public to Traditional Event with Live Music, Folklórico Dancers and Blessings*

Coachella, CA [DATE] – The Coachella Valley Public Cemetery District (CVPCD) invites the community to celebrate Día de los Muertos at the cemetery on Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The cemetery located at 82-925 52nd Ave. in Coachella will be decorated with vibrant color and filled with the sounds of song.

Guests will have the opportunity to share memories of loved ones in a welcoming environment filled with live music from Los Buhos de Mexicali, captivating Folkloric dance and a traditional blessing concluding the event.

“This annual celebration is extraordinary and commemorates the lives of those who have passed on while showcasing the beauty and depth of these cultural traditions,” said CVPCD Board Chair Ernesto Rosales. “It’s a meaningful opportunity to connect with the community and share our heritage.”

Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 p.m., CVPCD is hosting an outdoor screening of "Coco" in collaboration with the Desert Recreation District. Families are encouraged to bring blankets and enjoy this special screening on the lawn adjacent to the main office at the front of the cemetery. The cemetery will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

CVPCD expects this year to be as popular as last year which drew nearly 10,000 attendees. Admission is free with plenty of on-site parking available. The cemetery will have extended hours, giving attendees plenty of time to experience and enjoy the cultural celebration.

Please note that special traffic modifications will be implemented on both November 1st and 2nd. Visitors will be guided to enter through the front west gate of the cemetery, where they will be directed to the back lot for parking. To ensure safety, parking or stopping will not be permitted along Avenue 52 in front of the cemetery or inside the cemetery grounds.

The Coachella Valley Public Cemetery District invites guests to bring food and blankets to celebrate Día de los Muertos. Small coolers, umbrellas and chairs are allowed. For those seeking traditional offerings, CVPCD will provide water and Pan de Muerto. Alcohol, dogs and pets, canopies, tables and open flames including candles, are prohibited on cemetery grounds. For additional event details, including a complete list of cemetery rules and regulations, please visit our website at CVPCD.org.

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