



**GREATER ECHO PARK ELYSIAN
NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT**



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**GEPENC SUPPORTS NEW
ZUMBA FOR SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM**

***FREE Open House to be held Saturday January 22, 2011 10am -12noon
100% of funds to support Echo Park Recreation Center Programs***

(Echo Park, CA) The Greater Echo Park Elysian Neighborhood Council (GEPENC) is supporting the Echo Park Recreation Center's NEW 2011 *Zumba for Scholarships* Program.

Since 2001, Zumba has grown to become the world's largest – and most successful – dance-fitness program with more than 10 million people of all shapes, sizes and ages taking weekly Zumba classes in over 90,000 locations across more than 110 countries.

The Echo Park Recreation Center *Zumba for Scholarships* Program class will be held weekly on Wednesday nights from 7:00pm to 8:00pm at the new Echo Park Recreation Center gym located at 303 Patton Street, Los Angeles, CA 90026 Cross Street is West Court Street next to Glendale Boulevard (formerly the Boys and Girls Club located across the street from the Echo Park Aquatic Center). **A FREE Community Open House will be held on Saturday, January 22, 2011 from 10am to 12noon with a Zumba demonstration at 10:30am.**

Four, ten-week sessions will be offered at the cost of \$40 per person, per session. **Jose Sigala**, President of GEPENC said, "The goal is to have a minimum of forty participants per session and raise \$1,600 for the Echo Park Recreation Center on a quarterly basis. This will provide ongoing revenue for athletic scholarships and help more youth to stay involved with sports in Echo Park."

Thanks to the generous support of the **Silver Lake Medical Center**, all instructor and class fees have been 100% underwritten. Session 1 Sign Up Waiting List is now open please email bacasigala@earthlink.net. Designed for beginners, the classes will be taught by Zumba instructor, **Ms. Cindy Ruiz**.

Session 1 - Weds. Feb 2, 2011 to Weds. April 6, 2011	(Break week of April 13 th)
Session 2 - Weds. April 20, 2011 to Weds. June 29, 2011	(Break 4 th of July week)
Session 3 - Weds. July 13, 2011 to Weds. Sept. 14, 2011	(Break week of Sept 21 st)
Session 4 - Weds. Sept. 28, 2011 to Weds. Nov. 30, 2011	(Break Holidays Month of December)

Dan Hammet, Director of the Echo Park Recreation Center said, "GEPENC has been a strong supporter of the Echo Park Recreation Center. We are looking forward to offering a new fun dance fitness program and at the same time raise funds to help underwrite youth athletic programs in Echo Park."

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ABOUT GEPENC - the Greater Echo Park Elysian Neighborhood Council, "GEPENC" as the Council is known, was certified by the City of Los Angeles on April 15, 2002, and is the 23rd Neighborhood Council formed under the guidelines of the City Charter. The purpose of GEPENC is to promote citizen participation in government by serving as an advisory body to the City of Los Angeles. The Mission of GEPENC is to provide a public forum for stakeholders in our neighborhood to express their thoughts, ideas and concerns on community or Citywide issues. For more information about the neighborhood council, please visit our website at www.gepenc.org.