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RIVERBANK DOWNTOWN ART WALK AND 85TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

(Riverbank, CA)—Members of the public are invited to the Downtown Riverbank Art Walk on Friday evening, August 24, 2007. Santa Fe Street, between Third and Fourth Streets, will close so local artists, young and old, can display their artwork. The event begins at 5:30 PM and will last until 8:30 PM.

Artists will display their artwork and many will demonstrate their techniques. Actors from Saturday night's Dinner and Murder Mystery at the Del Rio Theater will hint at what's to come with live theatrical performances. Downtown merchants will be open and will serve refreshments, and the public will enjoy additional entertainment and music throughout the evening. The evening's festivities will include Mayor Chris Crifasi cutting a cake celebrating Riverbank's 85th Birthday.

An exciting part of the event will be the "Chalk Walk," an amateur sidewalk chalk competition coordinated by Rio Arts. The public can watch as artists create chalk drawings with a theme of celebrating Riverbank's 85th birthday. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place Chalk Walk winners.

The City of Riverbank is continuing the process of designing the reconstruction of the downtown area to include infrastructure improvements, landscape architectural elements, and the new Plaza Del Rio. The drawings depicting the proposed improvements for downtown Riverbank will be displayed at the Art Walk, and the project landscape architect and city representatives will be available to answer questions and explain the designs.

Artists can enter the Chalk Walk competition by completing the entry form available online at www.rioarts.org. There is no cost to enter and the deadline for entries is Wednesday, August 22, 2007.

IT'S YOUR DOWNTOWN – COME ON DOWN!

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