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Mission Marquee Plaza continues its celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month with a Free Outdoor Film Screening of “A Class Apart”

SAN ANTONIO (Oct. 27, 2016) – Join District 3 City Councilwoman Rebecca J. Viagran and the City of San Antonio World Heritage Office for a special community film screening of the award-winning documentary “A Class Apart” on Saturday, Nov. 5, 2016 at Mission Marquee Plaza, located at 3100 Roosevelt Ave. from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

“This story is a powerful reminder of one of many grassroots movements that shaped Latino culture in America today,” said District 3 Councilwoman Rebecca J. Viagran. “It’s easy to forget how far the country has come in just 50 years, reshaping our democracy to include all classes of Americans. I’m honored to shed light on this topic and show this film to our community.”

The one-hour award-winning documentary, produced by Carlos Sandoval and Peter Miller, “A Class Apart” tells the little-known story of a band of underdog Mexican-American lawyers who took their case, *Hernandez v. Texas*, all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court, where they successfully challenged Jim Crow-style discrimination against Mexican-Americans. The film dramatically interweaves the story of its central characters -- activists and lawyers, returning veterans and ordinary citizens, murderer, and victim -- within the broader history of Latinos in America during a time of extraordinary change.

Before the featured film, in continuing with the Hispanic Heritage Month celebration, this family-friendly event will welcome acoustic Latin sounds by Armando Martinez, mariachis and a preview of three short films written and directed by students at Harlandale High School to Mission Marquee Plaza beginning at sundown.

Mission Marquee Plaza was acquired by the City of San Antonio in 2007, and has gone through several renovations that include a mural re-creation project that was completed by the City in 2013. Since then, the City has coordinated several popular events at this historic venue for the entire community.

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