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**MEXICAN PATRIOTIC COMMITTEE OF METRO DETROIT
PLANNING THE 58TH CINCO DE MAYO PARADE
TO END WEEKEND CELEBRATIONS**

Annual Parade procession on Sunday, May 7, 2023.

The Mexican Patriotic Committee of Metropolitan Detroit is preparing to host the 58th Annual Cinco de Mayo Parade on Sunday, May 1, 2022. The 3-mile parade route will start from Woodmere Street and will travel east along Vernor Hwy, ending at 21st Street. The parade will begin at 12 noon. A cultural and musical fiesta is also planned at Bagley and 21st Streets on Friday (05/05) 4pm-8pm, Saturday (05/06) 12pm-8pm, & Sunday (05/07) 1pm-8pm. For this, MPC notifies the public that 21st Street will be closed during Fiesta times all 3 days, and Vernor Hwy will be closed for the length of the parade from 11:30pm-2:30pm on that Sunday, May 7th.

Each year, this parade celebrates the Battle of Puebla (Batalla de Puebla) that took place on the 5th of May 1862, near Puebla City, Mexico. The battle ended in a victory over the French Army which galvanized Mexican resistance and led to France retreating completely 6 years later. The under-manned Mexican Army's victory signifies the legacy of resilience and strength over powerful forces. In today's climate, MPC celebrates the legacy of Detroit's Latino cultural heritage, the strength of its people, and the promise of successful thriving businesses in Southwest Detroit.

The Committee is seeking float/procession participants for this year's parade.
Applications are available at Plaza del Sol, please contact the Committee to schedule
an appointment at 313-518-4354 or the parade Chairman, Juan Carrion at
313-633-7319. Groups may also submit applications online at mpcdetroit.org.

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