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\$100,000 Grant to be Awarded During 6th Annual Health Fair



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Representatives of the U.S. Conference of Mayors and the American Beverage Foundation for a Healthy America will visit Perris April 21 during its annual Health Fair to honor the City for its continuing and unprecedented efforts to prevent diabetes, obesity and other health maladies through improved nutrition.

The City in January received a \$100,000 award from both organizations to continue its ongoing initiative to develop 30 community gardens from one end of the community to the other to grow fresh fruits, vegetables and herbs for the kitchen table.

Perris officials are working with schools, non-profits, faith-based and other community groups to achieve the 30-garden goal.

Dignitaries include Shirley Franklin, former mayor of Atlanta and a member of the ABA's Mayors Advisory Council and ABA representative Nick Buro. The American Beverage Foundation for a Healthy America is based in Washington D.C. A news conference is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. to highlight the City's on-campus Green City Farm Program demonstration and to give an award to Perris representatives for their commitment to improving the health of the community.

The visit by national dignitaries to Perris will take place during the City's 6th Annual Health Fair, a major event that draws about 2,000 people.

The Health Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the City Hall Campus, 101 North D Street. The event features health screenings, fitness demonstrations, a rock-climbing wall for kids and lots of raffle giveaways.

Perris Mayor Michael Vargas, Mayor Pro-Tem Malcolm Corona and City Councilmembers Tonya Burke and David Starr Rabb and Perris City Manager Richard Belmudez also are scheduled to make remarks at the award ceremony.



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