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Recognizing The Music Center's Leadership in Promoting Dance, Culture and Community Connection During the 2026 FIFA World Cup

As Los Angeles County joins communities around the world in celebrating the 2026 FIFA World Cup, residents and visitors are coming together through a shared passion for sport. This global event presents an opportunity not only to celebrate athletic excellence, but also to consider the cultural investments that strengthen communities and leave a lasting legacy for future generations.

Sports and dance share many of the same benefits. Both promote physical and mental well-being, build confidence, cultivate discipline and teamwork, and create opportunities for connection and belonging. While youth athletics benefits from extensive infrastructure and well-established pathways for participation, there remains a significant opportunity to expand access to dance education and community-based dance programming across Los Angeles County.

Throughout the county, residents gather in parks, plazas, cultural institutions, and public spaces to dance, celebrate, and connect. From salsa and cumbia to hip-hop, folklórico, and countless other traditions, dance reflects the cultural richness of Los Angeles County and serves as a powerful expression of identity, creativity, and

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community.

On June 26, 2026, The Music Center will host a free ¡DALE! Fútbol Watch Party, featuring the Spain vs. Uruguay FIFA World Cup match on the big LED screens at Jerry Moss Plaza from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The event will bring together residents and visitors to celebrate the World Cup while also launching the 22nd season of Dance DTLA, which will take place from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

During the match, attendees can participate in interactive activities including jersey refashioning, mask- and flag-making, and a photo booth. After the final whistle, attendees are invited to continue the celebration at Dance DTLA and help kick off its annual season of free outdoor dance parties.

This event was co-created through The Music Center's Partner Network Initiative, a collective of arts and culture leaders, organizers, and artists who collaborate as a learning community, mutual support network, and co-creators of public programming. The event would not be possible without the participation of Arts for LA, Dance Resource Center, KCRW, LA Commons, Las Fotos Project, the LAUSD Arts Education Branch, South Gate Museum & Art Gallery, and Dexter Story.

By pairing a global sporting event with one of the region's most beloved public dance programs, The Music Center highlights the powerful role that sports, arts, and culture play in fostering connection, civic pride, and community engagement. The event further demonstrates how investments in arts and cultural participation, particularly

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accessible community-based dance programming, can complement athletic opportunities by promoting health and well-being, supporting lifelong learning, and strengthening the cultural vitality of Los Angeles County.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Proclaim June 26, 2026, as Dance and Community Connection Day in Los Angeles County and recognize The Music Center for its leadership in expanding access to free arts and cultural programming that strengthens communities, celebrates cultural diversity and fosters connection through movement, music and shared experiences.
2. Waive parking fees, excluding the cost of liability insurance, in an estimated amount of \$5,000 for approximately 500 vehicles parked in Lot 14 between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. in connection with The Music Center's free ¡DALE! Fútbol Watch Party and the launch of the 22nd season of Dance DTLA.

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