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Rancho Los Cerritos 2022 Gala: Sharing Stories of Home
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LONG BEACH, CALIF. — The Rancho Los Cerritos will host its 2022 Gala: Sharing Stories of Home, honoring Gloria Cordero (Dig Deep, LBWD and MWD), Arts Council for Long Beach and The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California on Saturday, September 24, 2022 from 5:00pm to 9:00pm. It will be a special evening that brings together guests from the community for a night of dining, silent and live auction and storytelling under the stars, in the historic gardens of Long Beach's first home, Rancho Los Cerritos.

Each year, guests gather to celebrate the Rancho's mission and work in sharing the legacy of Rancho Los Cerritos historic home and gardens; and expanding programs to address the most important issues of our time, climate change, environmental justice and our most precious resource - water.

This year the Rancho is excited to welcome you home as guests honor the historical stories of family life at the Rancho site over centuries and how those shared and diverse stories continue to reflect on what home means to us today. "This is a wonderful opportunity to talk about what home means to you at one of the most historic homes in Long Beach." said Alison Bruesehoff, Executive Director of the Rancho Los Cerritos Museum.

Explore the idea of home through the Rancho's newest exhibit, *Roots in California: Concepts of Home (Raices de California: Conceptos de Hogar)* which opened to the public March 27, 2022. The exhibition focuses on the complex idea of home by contrasting the oral histories of Mexican and Mexican Americans tenants of Rancho Los Cerritos between 1890-1930 with five stories of Mexicans and Mexican Americans living across California today. The merging of past and present narratives explores how home can be found not only in physical locations, but also through people, memories, and

even within oneself. Guests of the gala will be allowed a chance to explore the exhibit during the event.

Rancho Los Cerritos 2022 Gala: Sharing Stories of Home, will take place Saturday, September 24, 2022. The event will begin at 5:00pm with a cocktail reception that will allow guests *an opportunity to explore the Rancho's newest exhibit Roots in California, Concepts of Home. The cocktail reception will be followed by an auction, dining and entertainment concluding the event at 9:00pm.* We are pleased to announce that the Port of Long Beach, F&M Bank, and The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California as platinum sponsors and thank them for their generosity. For more information and to RSVP, visit <https://www.rancholoscerritos.org/supportgive-now-hub/2022-gala/> or call (562) 206-2042 and ask for Jan Shafer.

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About the Rancho Los Cerritos Museum and Historic Site

Rancho Los Cerritos (RLC) is a 5 acre historic landmark and museum run by the Rancho Los Cerritos Foundation staff and volunteers in a public/private partnership with the City of Long Beach. The Rancho Los Cerritos Museum is open to the public for free and the site includes an adobe home, historic gardens, rotating exhibitions, research library, and archival collections. For decades, this public museum has preserved and educated people about the history of the Rancho and those who shaped Southern California. The site shares a rich history of Indigenous, Spanish, Mexican, Black, Asian, and American California individuals and families. Rancho Los Cerritos is also available to the community through a range of programming that include public tours, storytimes, lectures and panel discussions, student education, and private events. For more information, call (562) 206-2040 or visit www.rancholoscerritos.org, and follow the Rancho on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

Roots in California: Concepts of Home (Raices de California: Conceptos de Hogar) was made possible through funding from the “A More Perfect Union” initiative by the National Endowment for the Humanities, which funds American history projects with an emphasis on inclusivity, racial justice, and gender equality. Rancho Los Cerritos was the only funding recipient of this initiative in Long Beach.