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**Maywood Park Dodgers Dreamfield Opening Day Ceremony and
Commemorative Plaque Unveiling**

-150 YMCA Dodgers Dreamteam youth participated in clinic, performance from Maywood Academy Marching Band, unveiling of commemorative plaque-

Vernon and Maywood, Calif. – June 26, 2024 – On Saturday, June 22, the City of Vernon, City of Maywood, Southeast Rio-Vista Family YMCA, and the Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation gathered at the Maywood Park Dreamfield for a Mayor's Play Ball event that included a free Dodgers Academy clinic for kids 8-17 and the unveiling of a Dreamfield plaque, a gift from the City of Vernon to commemorate the field and its significance to Southeast Los Angeles area communities.

"Sports provide a wonderful opportunity for youth to learn and grow, practicing skills like teamwork, leadership, and working hard to achieve a common goal," said City of Vernon Mayor Judith Merlo. "I'm grateful the revitalized green space has helped bring families together, providing a hub where we can all gather, exercise and play."

The event served as the kickoff for Opening Day of the summer baseball season for the YMCA Dodgers Dreamteam youth athletes. Over 150 youth participated in the Dodgers Academy clinic where they learned new baseball skills and practiced fundamentals like throwing, catching, hitting, and fielding. The Dodgers Academy also provided each youth participant two Dodgers tickets to an upcoming game.

The Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation builds Dodgers Dreamfields to give families in neighborhoods across Los Angeles safe havens and points of pride. The Maywood Park Dodgers Dreamfield was a \$600,000+ project that opened in 2022. Refurbishments have included new playing surfaces and grass, an enclosed field, upgraded dugouts, upgraded irrigation systems, new pitcher's mounds, bullpens, and an LED scoreboard resembling the iconic display at Dodgers Stadium.

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About Vernon

Founded in 1905, the city of Vernon is the only city in California that provides its residents and businesses with reliable and affordable electricity, water, natural gas, fiber optics services, and has its own Public Health Department. With a goal of providing the lowest electric rates in the state by 2030, the city is an economic engine to the Los Angeles area and home to approximately 1,800 businesses that employ 50,000 people and provides \$1.1 billion in taxable spending into the US economy. Learn more by visiting www.cityofvernon.org.