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REPRESENTATIVE ANDREWS HOSTS DISTRICT LATIN FESTIVAL AUGUST 27TH



Last fall when Andrews was going door to door campaigning in Leyden Woods in Greenfield, she was invited to join a family picnic. The families at the picnic and Andrews each shared wonderful memories about their times living in Puerto Rico. They discussed the joy of dancing salsa and Andrews asked, “Where can we go and dance salsa here in our area?” The answer was unfortunately there are not many places. Andrews replied, “Well, how about if I am elected, let’s have a simple Latin Festival where everyone can dance and experience one of the many wonderful cultures that exists in our district.”

Andrews, an advocate of diversity and inclusion, knows the personal, business and community value of experiencing, educating and embracing the many different cultures of our communities. “It is clear, when I went door to door across the district, that there are many cultures present which is a wonderful blessing. We have the opportunity to reach out and fully integrate all these wonderful individuals and cultures that are present. There is great value to know and be enriched from all cultures present; both the historical and the new cultures of our area.” Andrews noted.

Andrews shared this idea with Lisa Davol, of RiverCulture, who was very interested and said, "The Latino community in Franklin County and especially in Turners Falls has increased over the past ten years, and I am happy to be able to partner with Rep. Andrews' initiative on this festival. It is a great start to the collaborations possible within the rich cultures present in the county." Lisa is, also, interested in creating a "world fair" festival that features the numerous cultures that are here in the area. Lisa Davol, of RiverCulture, and Rep. Denise Andrews have partnered to bring you the Latin Festival.

We hope that you will come by Energy Park in Greenfield on Saturday, August 27, from 6-8:30 pm. Come spread your blanket, bring a picnic basket or purchase food from Mesa Verde. Music by Los Hermanos Unidos. Come, dance and enjoy our vibrant communities!

Anyone interested in working on future events are asked to contact Representative Andrews's office by either U.S. Postal mail to: State House Room 443, Boston, Mass 02133 or by email to: yourvoice@deniseandrews.org. Please put "World Fair and Cultural Events" in the subject line.

Thank you.

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