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## **Grand Olympic Send-off to Beijing, China for Gold Medalist *Kim Rhode***

El Monte, Calif. - The City of El Monte is once again sending off a competitor to the Olympics! Kim Rhode, local resident and two-time Gold Medalist (and one-time Bronze), is again favored to win in the fiercely competitive world of Women's Skeet Shooting. This is Kim's 4<sup>th</sup> Olympics, and she has medaled every time she has competed in the past three Olympics.

**Please plan on joining Kim at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 23, 2008, at Arceo Park in El Monte as local El Monte officials, residents and community members wish Kim a safe and successful trip to Beijing, China. Arceo Park is located at 3125 Tyler, El Monte, at the corner of Mildred and Tyler.**

The Olympic Send-off will be preceded by a 5:00 p.m. Carnival in the Park for local youth, and it will be followed by a 6:30 p.m. Concert in the Park featuring SOTO.

### Motorcade

A Police Motorcade, consisting of motorcycles and police cruiser, City Trolley, Convertible for Kim, and a Fire Truck will pick up Kim and her family in the north area of El Monte at 5:30 p.m., and then will proceed south on Cogswell, west on Ramona, then south on Tyler to the Park.

### Drum Line

The entire Drum Line from El Monte High School will lead Kim down Tyler (from Mildred), wheeling right into Arceo Park.

### Chinese Lion

A Chinese Lion dance will entertain well-wishers as the Motorcade proceeds slowly down Tyler to the Park Entrance.

### Kim to Sign Autographs

Kim will remain during the Concert in the Park to greet the public and to sign autographs. She will have a police escort to insure the safety of her three (3) Olympic Medals.

Media interested in covering this event should contact *MATT WEINTRAUB (cell 626.807.0545)* to insure adequate and safe parking. Tyler Avenue will be closed in front of Arceo Park to accommodate the Carnival booths, Send-off Motorcade and food vendors.

*El Monte, a city incorporated in 1912 and home to more than 116,000 residents, is a full-service city located in the heart of the San Gabriel Valley. It is freeway-close to all of Los Angeles, bisected by Interstate 10 and abutting Interstate 605. El Monte is home to a mega auto mall and boasts the largest single car dealership in the world, Longo Toyota.*

El Monte can be visited on the web at [www.ElMonteCA.gov](http://www.ElMonteCA.gov)