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HACA to Celebrate Older Americans Month with Senior Mayfest

The Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA) will celebrate national Older Americans Month with its 24th annual Senior Mayfest from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday (May 20) at the Doris Miller Auditorium, 2300 Rosewood Ave.

Each May, HACA hosts local vendors, who offer programs and services to senior citizens, in an afternoon of fun and fellowship complete with games and entertainment. This year's honored guests and speakers will include U.S. Congressman Lloyd Doggett.

"The number of Americans over the age of 65 is among the fastest growing segments of our population," said HACA President and CEO Michael Gerber. "Our seniors have many lessons and experiences to share, and Mayfest is a great opportunity to connect them with critical services and programs to better meet their needs."

HACA expects about 250 people will help celebrate this year's theme, "HACA: The Best in the West." In addition, 20 vendors will showcase various resources available to Austin seniors and will give participants an opportunity to connect with programs or services they may otherwise not have known existed.

Entertainment will include line dancing, a western-themed photo booth, games and a raffle. The day will culminate with an awards ceremony. All elderly and disabled HACA residents are welcome to participate and enjoy lunch provided by Bert's BBQ.

About HACA: The Housing Authority of the City of Austin is a public agency whose mission is to cultivate sustainable affordable housing communities and partnerships that inspire self reliance, growth and optimism. For more information, visit <u>www.hacanet.org</u>, or find us on Twitter <u>@hacanet</u>.