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### **LIBRARY HOSTS SENT-DOWN YOUTH FROM CHINESE CULTURAL REVOLUTION** *An Intercultural Exchange to Highlight Events During the Reign of Chairman Mao Zedong*

*Pleasanton, Calif.* — The City of Pleasanton is pleased to announce an upcoming event “Introduction to Sent-Down Youth: An Intercultural Exchange” at the Pleasanton Public Library on Sunday, October 2, 2016 from 2 – 3:30 p.m. The Library is located at 400 Old Bernal Ave.

This event, in collaboration with the San Francisco Public Library and the Golden Gate Symphony Orchestra and Chorus, is aimed at increasing awareness about the Cultural Revolution that took place 50 years ago, when approximately 20 million of China’s urban youth of middle – and high-school age were sent into the countryside to participate in the “up to the mountains and down to the villages” movement.

A pictorial exhibit to what life was like for some of the sent-down youth will be on display and some sent-down youth will be on hand to share their stories and answer questions. In addition, the Golden Gate Symphony Orchestra and Chorus will perform parts of the “Ask the Sky and the Earth” movement, which tells the story of the Chinese Cultural Revolution in song and has been performed all over the world.

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