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City to Hold Event in Remembrance of the 50th Anniversary of the Fall of Saigon

WESTMINSTER, Calif. - The City of Westminister will host its annual Black April event on April 30, 2025 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Sid Goldstein Freedom Park, 14199 All American Way.

Members of the public are welcome to attend; and the event will include remarks from elected officials and special guests, live performances, and the presentation of memorial wreaths.

April 30 is annually known as Black April, or "Tháng Tư Đen," and is a day to lament and reflect upon the fall of Saigon and of South Vietnam, which took place April 30, 1975. As many as 250,000 South Vietnamese soldiers and nearly 60,000 American soldiers died during the Vietnam War. This year's ceremony commemorates the 50th anniversary.

Approved through a resolution of the City Council in 2019, Westminister became the first city globally to recognize Black April Memorial Week. Leading up to the ceremony, the City flies the South Vietnamese flag at half-staff at the Vietnamese-American War Memorial at Sid Goldstein Freedom Park from April 23 through April 30.

The Black April event is free to the public and free parking is available in the parking structure located across the park. All American Way will be closed between 13th Street and 15th beginning 6 a.m. on April 30. Attendees may enter the parking structure from 13th Street.

For more details about the event, visit www.westminster-ca.gov or call the Community Services Department at (714) 895-2860.

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