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“Civic Center EATS” KICKS OFF FIRST WEEK OF MAY
*Denver’s Favorite Lunch Tradition Returns with Expanded Schedule & More Food Trucks:
Delicious Food, Fresh Air, Iconic Views, Live Music & a Great Cause*

DENVER – Metro Denver’s largest gathering of gourmet food trucks and carts returns to downtown Denver’s historic Civic Center Park the first week of May with an expanded schedule and largest roster of food trucks to date. A showcase of Denver’s culinary and entrepreneurial diversity, the 12th Annual **Civic Center EATS** will launch Tuesday, May 2 through Thursday, May 4, 2016, continuing weekly through early October. Proceeds help support Civic Center Park revitalization efforts through the nonprofit **Civic Center Conservancy**, which welcomes Westword and Bank of America back as the 2017 Presenting Sponsors of Civic Center EATS.

“Civic Center EATS’ return is a sure sign that spring has arrived in Denver and summer isn’t too far behind,” said **Lindy Eichenbaum Lent, Civic Center Conservancy executive director**. “We’re grateful to the attendees, food trucks and sponsors who make Civic Center EATS a beloved community tradition. People make parks, and Civic Center EATS continues to revitalize Civic Center Park through positive activation and community engagement in this historic urban oasis’ future.”

On Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. from May 2 through October 5 (excluding June 1, July 4, August 9, 30, 31, and September 5). **Civic Center EATS presented by Westword and Bank of America** provides an opportunity for downtown employees, residents, and visitors to experience Civic Center’s architectural, horticultural and historic beauty; enjoy a delicious, authentically local outdoor lunch; listen to live music, and connect with the community.

“We’re proud to partner with Civic Center Conservancy to keep this great workweek event as a staple in the Denver community,” said **Jodi Rolland, Denver market and Colorado state president for Bank of America**. “Events like Civic Center EATS allow people from all walks of life to connect with each other, helping to build a more culturally and economically vibrant downtown. We appreciate the ways that Civic Center Conservancy works to sustain Denver’s historic legacy and engage the community in fun, impactful ways.”

Sixty-nine food trucks, including 17 new ones, compose the 2017 Civic Center EATS starting roster, with more on a waiting list for fill-in opportunities throughout the season. Each EATS day will feature approximately 23-25 trucks, with culinary genres including Asian, BBQ, Burgers, Cajun/Creole, Eclectic/Fusion, European, Indian, Latin, Mediterranean, Pizza, Sandwiches/Salads, Seafood, Beverages and Desserts. Civic Center EATS also features live, local music each day.

“Westword is excited to partner again in 2017 with Civic Center Conservancy and EATS,” said **Tracy Kontrelos, Associate Publisher of Westword**, which returns as a presenting sponsor for the third year. “It has been incredible over the last few years seeing this event grow into a Denver staple for local foodies. We are looking forward to being part of the event again this year.”

Shaded seating is provided. Event information – including the **food truck lineup and live music schedule** – is available at www.CivicCenterConservancy.org.

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CIVIC CENTER CONSERVANCY

Formed in 2004, the Civic Center Conservancy is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to helping the City and County of Denver restore, enhance and activate Civic Center Park. Through programs such as Civic Center EATS, Independence Eve, Civic Center MOVES, Civic Center SOUNDS and Bike-In Movies; advocacy around design, infrastructure and policy issues; and fundraising for capital improvements, activities and initiatives that support and revitalize the park, the Civic Center Conservancy aims to elevate and sustain Civic Center Park as Denver's vibrant, iconic community and cultural hub. For more information, please visit www.civiccenterconservancy.org. Follow Denver's Civic Center Park on Facebook and @CivicCenterPark on Twitter.

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