

For Immediate Release

The Great American Blues and BBQ Festival held on 4th Street in San Rafael postponed this year

San Rafael, CA—2010. The 5th annual Great American Blues and BBQ Festival, originally scheduled for September 11th, 2010 will unfortunately not take place. Team Pro Event the Mill Valley Production Company who conceived of and produced the festival for the past four years is unable to garnish enough financial support to make continuing his year possible. Steve Bajor, President of Team Pro event explained, *"We have invested \$45,000 over the last four years bringing this gift to San Rafael. This event was created and produced from the heart as a celebration of our community and who we are. We are saddened that we will not be able to offer "Blues & Barbeque" this year, and hope to be back in 2011. Many thanks to the unwavering support of the San Rafael Redevelopment Agency, our great entertainers, exhibitors, sponsors and attendees."*

Billed as a "Rockin' & Smokin' Back to the Roots All American Musical and Gastronomical Get Down" the event really delivered. It was very popular with the community who came out for the fine Micro brews and the best and varied BBQ fare. There were also quite a few BBQ vendors who competed for the "King of the Que Awards" one of the events favorite features in addition to the cream of the Bay Area Blues Bands. Over the past few years Blues legends such as Sugar Pie DeSanto, Charlie Musselwhite and Nick Gravenites played the festival with musical director Austin de Lone and his house band the Lone's R & B-B-Q Review. But the free festival has just got too little in return to continue this year.

Brian Auger the City of San Rafael Events Coordinator commented on the postponement, *"Steve Bajor and Michele Cleland of Team Pro Event have done a great job nurturing and growing this very popular, unique downtown festival. It has incredible music, a national bbq sauce contest and great vendors. It just got better and better every year. It really is a shame it wont happen this year. The*

folks are going to miss this very special event. We look forward to continuing our partnership to bring this event back when the economy picks up."

For the past four years this free family event helped raise awareness of Prader-Willi Syndrome the most common known genetic cause of life-threatening obesity in children. It also helped to benefit the non-profit Richard de Lone Special Housing Project created to serve children with the debilitating syndrome.

HYPERLINK <http://www.rdshp.org/rdshp.org/Home.html>

*"We will miss the Blues Brews and Barbeque Festival this year. The event made for a relaxing day in Downtown that was popular with our residential and business communities. During a time of financial challenge, events such as this improve our morale and stimulate commerce in Downtown. The BID appreciates working with Pro Events and will continue to work with them in the future to bring effective events to Downtown San Rafael." - Stan Gibbs
President San Rafael Business Improvement District*

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