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National Register of Historic Places Program: Chicano Park, San Diego, California

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Chicano Park, in San Diego, California, was the site of a powerful protest in 1970 by members of the local San Diego Hispanic community over the planned redevelopment of a vacant site within the Barrio Logan community that had been previously promised to the community as public open space. The peaceful occupation of the site and the subsequent successful struggle to turn the location into a vibrant community gathering spot is closely associated with the local Chicano Civil Rights Movement in San Diego. In subsequent years the park became the setting of important examples of Chicano Movement muralism, as local and regional artists came to the park to paint various monumental works on the columns of the freeway overpass that defined the created-state park. These murals have achieved national recognition. Artists whose works appear in Chicano Park include Salvador Torres, Mano

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Torero, Victor Ochoa, Esteban Villa, Ricardo Favela, Guillermo Rousette, Jose Montoya, Charles "Gato" Felix, Rupert Garcia, Yolanda Lopez, Celia Herrera Rodriguez, Irma Barbosa, Glory Sanchez, Issias Crow and many others.

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