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- WHO:** The Bay Area Blues Society and the City of Hayward
- WHAT:** The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Hayward-Russell City Blues Festival
- WHERE:** 777 "B" Street, Hayward City Hall Plaza, Hayward, California
- WHEN:** July 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006 from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m
- WHY:** This blues festival commemorates the history of the unincorporated town called **Russell City**. **Russell City** was at the end of West Winton Road going toward the bay. There were many blues and jazz musicians who started and/or honed their skills in this little town that sat next to the City of Hayward. Big Joe Turner, Lowell Fulson, John Lee Hooker, Big Mama Thorton, Jimmy Whitherspoon and many other great musicians were regular performers at the little clubs in **Russell City**. **The Hayward-Russell City Blues Festival** goals and objectives are to keep the history of Russell City in the public's eye. Russell City is one of a few California cities where **West Coast Blues** were born!!
- ARTISTS:** This year's theme is **The Ladies & Gents of Russell City!** **SATURDAY** performers include Bobby Rush Review; San Francisco Fillmore Review featuring Fillmore Slim, Bobby Webb, Billy Dunn and Curtis Lawson; Carl Weathersby; Caravan of Allstars featuring Wylie Trass, Teddy "Blues Master" Watson, Willie G, Pork Pie Phillips, and Sweet Liz; The Russell City Memorial Blues Band featuring Billy Dunn, Bobby Webb, Big Bob Deance, Henry Oden, and Big Cat Tolefree; Wingnut Adams; and Endurance. **SUNDAY performers** include E. C. Scott, Kenny Neal, Billy Branch, Café R&B featuring Roach, Linda Shell, Tia Carroll, Stars of Glory, J.C. Smith Band featuring Ella Pennewell, Joanna Conner and Rev. Rabia featuring Robert Lowery & Virgil Thrasher

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Down Home Music, 10341 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito; JJ's Blues, 3439 Stevens Creek Blvd., San Jose

**Ticket Prices: General in Advance - \$15; General at the Gate - \$20; Two Day Tickets in Advance Only - \$26;  
Senior 62+ & Student w/ID - \$10; Group rates of 10 or more - \$10; Under 12 – FREE**