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Groundbreaking for First Library and Community Center Serving the South Bascom Area of District 6 in San José

Community Celebration Kicks Off Construction of Joint Facility

WHAT: Residents of the South Bascom area celebrate groundbreaking for the new-to-the-neighborhood **Bascom Library and Community Center**, a joint facility to be co-managed by San José Public Library and the City of San José Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services. Light refreshments will be served. For more information about this event, call (408) 535-8450.

WHEN: 10:00 a.m.
Saturday, June 14, 2008

WHERE: 1000 S. Bascom Ave., San José

WHO: Pierluigi Oliverio, Councilmember, District 6
Jane Light, Director, San José Public Library
Caroline Martin, Chair, San José Library Commission
Randy Kinman, Community Representative

WHY: The event marks start of construction on a 40,000 sq. ft., two-story joint library and community center that was designed as a LEED Silver Certified green building. The \$17.8 million joint facility is one of several planned to increase the availability of community services to underserved areas of San José, using funds from bond measures for parks and library construction approved by San José voters in November 2000. The new Bascom Library and Community Center will be located on a 2-acre site at 1000 S. Bascom Avenue, across the street from Del Mar High School. The 20,000 sq. ft. library wing will include an Internet café, living room with a fireplace, technology center, teen room, group and quiet study areas, along with ample room for seating, collections and computers. The 20,000 sq. ft. community center will include a gym, multi-purpose room with kitchen, fitness center and a game room. Projected opening will be in early 2010.

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