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## San Jose Celebrates a New Model for Programming at Edenvale Community Center

New eco-friendly facility was a top priority for the Edenvale/Great Oaks Strong Neighborhood

The San Jose Redevelopment Agency, the City of San Jose and the Oak Grove

School District celebrate the grand opening of the Edenvale Community Center

Saturday, September 25, 2010, 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

(Speaking ceremony at 12:15 p.m.)

Where: **Edenvale Community Center** 

330 Branham Lane East, San Jose, 95111

Mayor Chuck Reed Who:

Councilmember Ash Kalra, District 2

Former Councilmember Forrest Williams, District 2

Harry S. Mavrogenes, Executive Director, San Jose Redevelopment Agency

Superintendent Tony Garcia, Oak Grove School District

Elizabeth Lopez, President, Edenvale/Great Oaks Plan Implementation Coalition

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Background: The Edenvale Community Center project was approved by the San Jose City

Council in 2008 as part of the Edenvale/Great Oaks Strong Neighborhood plan top

10 improvement priorities. The project is a collaboration of the San Jose

Redevelopment Agency, the City of San Jose and the Oak Grove School District. Located on the Caroline Davis Intermediate School campus, the 20,204 square foot facility is funded with \$12.6 million from the Redevelopment Agency and \$5.9 million from the City. In addition, the Oak Grove School District contributed the two-acre

site for the facility.

As part of the new Center's programming model, the City of San Jose Parks, Recreation & Neighborhood Services (PRNS) Department will manage the facility, while the Boys and Girls Club, First 5 of Santa Clara County and other partners, provide programs and services at the Center. When school is in session, students from Davis Intermediate School will enjoy a state-of-the-art, full-sized gymnasium for physical education classes, and early childhood enrichment classes will be offered by PRNS and First 5 of Santa Clara County in the Center classrooms. After school, the Boys and Girls Club will offer neighborhood youth sports, fitness and recreation opportunities, and the Center will also be available to local residents to host community meetings.

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The Center is built to achieve a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Gold Standard with ample natural light to greatly reduce energy usage and high efficiency water fixtures, landscape plantings and irrigation systems to shrink water usage by more than 50 percent. During construction, 90 percent of construction waste was recycled and more than 50 percent of the Center's wood products came from sustainably harvested sources.

In addition to funding the new Community Center, the Redevelopment Agency has also invested another \$2.7 million in the Edenvale/Great Oaks Strong Neighborhood since 2000 for a total of more than \$15 million. To date, the Redevelopment Agency has invested more than \$104 million and the City of San Jose has contributed \$32 million

in funds to projects throughout all 20 Strong Neighborhoods. <u>www.siredevelopment.org</u>

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