



Media Advisory

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West San Jose Community to Break Ground for New Library

Project will nearly double the size of Calabazas Branch Library

WHAT: A community celebration marking groundbreaking for the new, expanded Calabazas Branch Library. “Dream Rocks” inscribed by attendees with hopes for the new library will become part of the new library’s foundation. Light refreshments will be served. For more information about this event, call (408) 535-8450.

WHEN: 10:00 a.m.
Saturday, April 10, 2010

WHERE: 1230 Blaney Ave., San Jose

WHO: Pete Constant, Councilmember, District 1
Jane Light, Director, San José Public Library
Mike Nguyen, Chair, San José Public Library Commission
Sarah Janigian, Vice President, San José Public Library Foundation

WHY: The Branch Library Bond Measure, approved in November 2000, provides \$212 million over ten years dedicated to the construction of six new and fourteen expanded branch libraries in San José. This event marks start of construction on the nineteenth project, a 10,420 sq. ft. facility that will replace the original 5,880 sq. ft. library, which has served the community since 1966. The new Calabazas Branch Library will be built on the original site at 1230 Blaney Ave. Highlights of the new branch include an Internet Café/Tech Center, community living room with a fireplace, teen room, group study area and a community room that will accommodate 68 persons; all newly added functional areas, not present in the original branch. It will also have significantly more space for seating, collections and computers. Public art for the project will be created by *Living Lenses*, representing the creative collaboration of international artists Louise Bertelsen (Denmark) and Po Shu Wang (Berkeley, CA). The total project budget is \$7.8 million. The new Calabazas Branch Library is expected to open in 2011.

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