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Oak Park's new state-of-the-art multipurpose facility rivals all others – Grand Opening this Saturday

Sacramento, California, April 16, 2009—The revitalization of Oak Park continues with a newly completed, state-of-the-art multipurpose facility where Oak Park residents can recreate, celebrate life-events, stage performances, and gather to pursue initiatives that benefit Oak Park.

Vice Mayor Lauren Hammond invites residents and the media to attend the facility's **Grand Opening Celebration**, which will feature tours, cultural performances, special demonstrations, fun and games for children, and a free BBQ lunch. The celebration will take place this **Saturday, April 18th**, from **11 a.m. – 3 p.m.** at the **Oak Park Community Center – 3425 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.**

"The versatility of the new addition gives us the flexibility to host children's theater, basketball games, quinceañeras and senior birthday parties," said Vice Mayor Hammond. "This is a fine addition to a wonderful complex."

The new 10,530 sq. ft. facility consists of a 7,000 sq. ft. space with a basketball court that can be converted into an intimate ballroom for dinners and receptions, office space, restrooms, a large performance platform, and storage areas. Just outside the facility, there are two outdoor basketball courts with lights, a new playground, impressive landscaping, and an art piece provided by Art in Public Places.

In line with the City of Sacramento's commitment to sustainability, the facility is designed to use minimal electricity to operate its lighting, heating and cooling systems. In addition, the facility uses low emitting materials and plumbing devices that cut water use by 30 percent (30%).

The multipurpose facility project was funded by a combination of non-general fund sources, including a State of California Parks & Rec. Grant, SHRA, CRCIP Funds, and Park Impact Fees.

Details:

Event: Grand Opening of Oak Park Community Center - Multipurpose Facility

Significance:

Oak Park residents now have a state-of-the-art facility with ample space for recreation, social events, performances, and community celebrations.

Date: Saturday, April 18th

Time: 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. (Ribbon Cutting – 11:30 a.m.)

Location: Oak Park Community Center – 3425 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd

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