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For Immediate Release: Santa Clara Town Hall Dedication and Celebrating Art Event

May 16, 2008, 12:00 noon, at 2603 Santa Clara Drive, Santa Clara City will host the dedication of the Santa Clara Town Hall, and a unique art event with eighteen nationally renowned artists to commemorate the occasion. Long in coming, and beyond all expectation for this small city, the Town Hall promises to be much more than the seat of government. This is a building for the people to enjoy, to feel a part of, to be proud of, and to use.

Reminiscent of Santa Clara History through its architecture, the two-story building imparts a sense of the town's old school that was torn down in the 1970s. The interior carries Santa Clara's history further with its museum quality collection of historical photos telling the story of the town, and its beginnings as the first white settlement in Washington County. Beautifully designed and implemented by local photo historian Lynne Clark, this presentation fills the wide entrance hall, follows down the hallway to the Court/City Council Chambers and covers the walls on both sides below the open stairwell. Architectural appointments throughout the interior continue to convey a sense of history through carved handrails, polished granite stairs and subtle hues of warm tones. This will all be complemented in the near future with a mural that is planned for the top of the stairwell in the second floor foyer. It will depict the original home of Santa Clara's early Swiss settlers and follow their trek to America, the stark contrast of Santa Clara in the mid 19th Century, and the beauty that we find in Santa Clara today.

The entire footprint of this spacious building brings significant meaning to its name—Town Hall. Aside from the City business that will be performed under the roof of this one-stop-shop where Santa Clara's entire line of department heads will now be under one roof, the elaborate City Council Chambers will double as the Santa Clara Court, and a large banquet room will provide space for City, community, and private functions. The east facing banquet room is lined with windows that open onto an elevated patio where events can spill out to a large passive park of landscaped grounds, a sculpted water fountain, and notable statuary that represent early pioneers. Rental of the space is available with an interior seating capacity of 150, a full kitchen, and use of the passive park. Tours of the building will take place on Friday, May 16, throughout the afternoon.

The new Santa Clara Town Hall further enhances life for Santa Clara residents with the knowledge that it was primarily financed through land sales of City property, and there are no plans to raise taxes to pay for it. In addition, the building was conceived with the future in mind. It is large enough to hold Santa Clara business through the projected buildout of the city—now 8,000 with the projected buildout to be near 20,000.

To commemorate this event Santa Clara is also hosting a two-day art show, Friday, May 16 and Saturday, May 17, that features 18 nationally and many internationally renowned artists. They will display their work and give two different symposiums on art in the Town Hall banquet room. The first symposium, "*The Essentials of Quality Art*," will feature renowned artist David Koch (coke) who recently completed work on murals in the remodel of the Utah State Capital building. It will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 16. The second symposium, "*The Recreation of the Human Form*," presentation is conducted by Julie Rogers, who captures a full breadth of emotion in her figure paintings of Christ, historic pioneers, and everyday people. It will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 17. The art show will run throughout Friday, May 16, and Saturday, May 17, from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m.

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