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Tennyson Corridor Initiative Receives Over \$9 Million

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Alameda County Supervisor Richard Valle's Tennyson Corridor Initiative to build a new Family and Youth Center in South Hayward received a major boost last week when the Alameda County Board of Supervisors committed \$9.6 million to District 2 capital projects. Supervisor Valle, who represents District 2 which includes Hayward, Union City, Newark, and portions of Fremont and Sunol, was quoted after the meeting, "My office's focus will be to bring more services to those in need, particularly in the Tennyson Corridor which has not historically received the level of support it needs."

In 2007, the City of Hayward began a process to demolish a 50 year old school at Ruus and Tennyson Road that houses community based service providers. The Eden Youth and Family Center currently operates the sprawling campus that includes Alameda County Office of Education programs and a Tiburcio Vasquez children's health clinic to serve residents in South Hayward. This process came to a grinding halt when the State of California eliminated redevelopment agencies in 2011. The existing buildings on the site would be demolished to make way for the new state-of-the-art center.

In 2012 Supervisor Valle, when first elected to office, saw the need in this community for improved social services and the infrastructure to support these services. "Kaiser Permanente is a major partner in South Hayward, understands the issues in our community, and we want to work with them to leave a lasting legacy in the Tennyson Corridor," stated Valle at a 2012 town hall to kick off the Tennyson Corridor Initiative. Earlier this year, Kaiser Hospital Hayward closed shifting services to the new San Leandro Kaiser Hospital.

Earlier this summer, the County of Alameda and City of Hayward broke ground on a new fire house and health clinic in the Tennyson Corridor. At the groundbreaking Supervisor Valle commented that, "this innovative partnership between the city and county is just the beginning of our efforts to provide better community services to this corridor."

Through multiple community meetings and stakeholder meetings with government and private partners the County of Alameda Health Care Services Agency (HCSA) has taken the lead to develop a business plan for a new Family and Youth Center. HCSA has had previous success developing youth centers, including the \$20 million Ashland REACH Youth Center and the award winning Youth Uprising in East Oakland.

Alameda County's commitment of over \$9 million in capital funding raises close to half of what is required to build a new center. Supervisor Valle and HCSA will be meeting with Kaiser Permanente this year in hopes of securing matching funds to provide the Tennyson Corridor community the resources needed to construct the new center.

"This has been a long process to secure the required funding, but our office is committed to the task of uplifting the Tennyson community. It has also been a community driven process that netted real results for the residents of South Hayward," said Valle.

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