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### PRESS RELEASE CHERRYLAND COMMUNITY CENTER GROUNDBREAKING

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CHERRYLAND – This Thursday, April 12, the Cherryland district of unincorporated Alameda County will celebrate groundbreaking for the \$22M Cherryland Community Center construction project. The Community Center project is funded by Alameda County and will be located on the 17000 block of Boston Road at Hampton Road, adjacent to the Meek Estate.

The Community Center will be a significant capital improvement providing recreation and gathering space for the Cherryland community. The project is scheduled for completion in July 2019.

**The groundbreaking celebration will be held on Thursday, April 12, 2018 from 2-4 PM at the corner of Hampton & Boston Roads.** Officials attending the celebration will include Alameda County District 4 Supervisor Nate Miley, Hayward Area Recreation & Park District Board of Directors and members of the Cherryland Community Association.

Alameda County and the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District (HARD) are collaborating on the Community Center project, which will be on two contiguous parcels: 278 Hampton Road (acquired by the former Redevelopment Agency in 2009) and 17482 Boston Road (acquired by HARD in 2013). Alameda County will construct and own the facility, while HARD will be responsible for programming, operations and maintenance. The Meek Estate parking lot will be expanded and improved as part of the construction project. A crosswalk between the Boston Road entrance of the Community Center and the Meek Estate will allow for easy and safe access between these two community assets.

The facility will be state-of-the-art and eco-friendly, housing multi-use meeting rooms, a Pre-K activity room, an Alameda County Library Annex, and a modern reception hall with a catering kitchen to accommodate up to 230 people. The architect of the project is Noll & Tam of Oakland and the Contractor is Vila Construction of Richmond.

The Community Center project was identified in 2009 as a priority during the Eden Area Livability Initiative process. Redevelopment tax increment funds were set aside to pay for the purchase of property, design and construction of the project. The Alameda County Board of Supervisors was able to retain these funds after the State dissolved local redevelopment agencies in 2011.

"The combination of the new indoor community center and outdoor areas at Meek Park will create a set of gathering spaces for Cherryland residents that can be used year-round. It's a unique opportunity to connect this multi-cultural community through recreation, relaxation, and educational and social programs. The strength of the partnership between Alameda County, the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District,

and the Cherryland Community Association has made this desperately needed project a reality."

***-Hayward Area Recreation and Parks District General Manager Paul McCreary***

"As the elected official representing the unincorporated communities, I'm proud to see the Construction of the Cherryland Community Center come to fruition," said Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley. "The importance of this facility to the people of Cherryland and the surrounding areas, the connection to the Meek Estate, the partnership with the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District to provide programming, and the inclusion of an Alameda County Library Annex location is an example of Alameda County's commitment to improved infrastructure and accessibility to recreation and educational assets to the Eden Area."

***- Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley District 4.***

"We are delighted to finally see the reality of this priority from EALI Phase 1, fulfilling The Livability Principle that a community should have a focal point that combines commercial, civic, cultural and recreational uses. This important landmark for Cherryland brings us one step nearer to our origins of a traditional, neighborhood community model (counteracting the effects of our superseded business district specific plan), bringing our community closer together rather than driving us apart."

***-Cindy Towles, President  
Cherryland Community Association***

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