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A large temporary mural with the theme “We Dream in Art” was unveiled today in front of the Alameda County Administration Building in Oakland. The uplifting 120-foot-long mural features the faces of local residents and the inspiring artworks of families who collaborated to create messages focused on their positive hopes and dreams for our community.

“This mural, the first in the history of the Alameda County Administration Building, is special because we do things here as a family,” said Alameda County Supervisor Keith Carson, President of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors. “The creativity that our youth displayed in this mural emanates from the love and support that they receive from their families and the larger community.”

Through the support and shared vision of New Beginnings and the Alameda County Arts Commission’s program 100 Families, Alameda County partnered with the Oakland Museum of California on this community engagement and neighborhood beautification project. The mural features images of local residents and art from family workshops presented by the museum.

“This mural is a wonderful opportunity for Alameda County to partner with the Oakland Museum of California,” said Susan S. Muranishi, Alameda County Administrator. “This project highlights how the County and its New Beginnings and 100 Families programs are creating innovative and inspiring opportunities for our community.”

The mural now stretches across the entire front of the 1960s era Alameda County Administration Building at 1221 Oak Street. Additional panels of the mural will soon adorn the building’s southwest side, along 12<sup>th</sup> Street, complimenting a large component of the mural that already stretches along the Museum’s Oak Street frontage. The artwork will remain in place for the next six to 12 months.

The project was modeled on Alameda County’s 100 Families program, which brings together diverse and multi-generational families to create artwork with the goal of enhancing the well-being of the family unit and the larger community. The overall theme is focused on positive hopes and dreams for our community. The creation will include photos of the participants, representing the rich diversity of Alameda County.

The mural was created through the leadership of the Oakland Museum with the help of artists and collaborators, including partner organizations YMCA of the East Bay, Oakland Asian Cultural Center, Eastside Arts Alliance, and Alameda County. The project’s creative team included lead artist Tommy Wong, photographer Sibila Savage and graphic designer Malik Johnson.



Celebrating the new mural installation are (left to right):

**Barbara Hedani-Morishita**, Alameda County Arts Commissioner, representing Supervisorial District Five

**Supervisor Keith Carson**, President of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors

**Susan S. Muranishi**, Alameda County Administrator

**Rachel Osajima**, Director of the Alameda County Arts Commission

**Mona Shah**, Oakland Museum of California's Community Partnership Manager

**Lisa Sasaki**, Oakland Museum of California's Director of Audience & Civic Engagement Center

**Niva Flor**, Oakland Museum of California's Public Programs Developer

**Rachel-Anne Palacios** with her children, **Sebastian Silver Palacios** (standing) and **Mayahuel Silver Palacios** (being held)

Rachel-Anne and her children are featured in the mural on the windows of the County Administration Building; they participated in a hands-on art making workshop and their photograph was chosen to be included in the photo collage mural.