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Fremont's 50th Anniversary Celebration Takes Shape Four New Developments Influence Plans

Fremont, California, April 25, 2005—Celebrate Fremont, the community-based planning organization for Fremont's 50th anniversary celebration, today announced four new developments that provide more definition to next year's celebration. First, the name and date has been chosen for the signature event of the celebration. Second, Celebrate Fremont has now acquired office space in the Glenmoor area. Third, Fremont Education Foundation has announced that it will award up to \$3000 to Fremont Unified School District teachers who submit grant applications to develop curriculum focusing on the theme of celebrating Fremont's 50th anniversary next year. Fourth, the next public meeting about the celebration has been set for May 23.

The signature event of the celebration will be called "Celebrate Fremont @ the Park." The event is slated to take place September 9-10, 2006 in Fremont's Central Park.

"We will celebrate who we are as a community, reinforce our connectedness, build new
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relationships, and nurture new community leadership both with the process of planning and with the event itself," reports Anu Natarajan, event committee chair. "Our one main goal, though, is for residents of all ages to have fun."

To aid the planning and implementation, Chuck Smith, chairman and CEO of Payment Processing, Inc., has donated office space at 4589 Eggers Drive to serve as the headquarters for Celebrate Fremont. The space will be used for meetings, planning, and other organizational requirements as Celebrate Fremont gears up for the celebration. The new phone number is 510-790-9352.

"Having a home base for the organization is important to our ongoing effort," said Irene Koehler, chair of Celebrate Fremont's executive steering committee. "We are tremendously grateful to Mr. Smith for becoming a sponsor by identifying this need and filling it with an in-kind donation."

In another development, Fremont Education Foundation (FEF) unveiled its blueprint for awarding a total of \$3000 for one-time "Fremont Anniversary" curriculum planning grants for the 2005-06 academic year. Funds will be administered by FEF under its existing Innovative Education Grant (IEG) program.

"The IEG program supports innovative, quality classroom projects in grades K-12," explained David Bonaccorsi, vice president of the foundation. "It funds projects that are conceived and

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developed by the teachers who apply for these grants.”

FEF is working internally within the school district to spread the word to teachers of these one-time Fremont Anniversary grants. Examples of projects that could form the basis of these grants include gathering oral histories of longtime Fremont residents, submission of student essays, audio-visual presentations, and dramatic arts presentations. The application deadline is May 27, 2005. Further information is available on FEF's Web site: <http://www.fremont-education.org>.

With plans beginning to take shape, Celebrate Fremont has decided to host its third community meeting on Monday, May 23 in the Fukaya Room at the Fremont Main Library from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Committee chairs will provide progress reports on the planning so far. The public is encouraged to attend and learn how the celebration is developing. RSVPs by e-mail would be appreciated. The address is rsvp@celebratefremont.org.

About Celebrate Fremont

The city of Fremont officially came into existence on January 23, 1956. Celebrate Fremont began in January with a grassroots community brainstorming session and has now evolved into a dynamic, inclusive volunteer planning organization for the celebration of Fremont's 50th anniversary. Committees have formed and plans are developing for the observance and celebration in 2006. More volunteer opportunities will arise throughout this year and next. Those who would like to receive periodic e-mail updates can add their contact information to the distribution list on Celebrate Fremont's Web site, www.celebratefremont.org.

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