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**SACRAMENTO HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT
AGENCY CELEBRATES LAND TRANSFER
IN HISTORIC CHINESE DELTA TOWN**

More than 50 years after the repeal of a law that kept them from buying real property, Chinese residents in Locke will now be able to own the land under their homes and stores.

What: Celebration of the subdivision and transfer of land ownership to building owners in Locke, California, a national historic landmark and the country's last remaining rural, free-standing town built exclusively by and for Chinese immigrants.

When: Saturday, December 11, 2004 at 11:00 a.m.

Where: Locke Chinese School, 13920 Main Street, Locke, California

Who: Supervisor Don Nottoli, District 5; Supervisor Illa Collin, District 2; Anne Moore, Executive Director, Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency; Locke residents

Why: Before it was repealed in 1952, the California Alien Land Law of 1913 prohibited Chinese from owning real property. Because they still lease the land under their homes and shops, current building owners cannot access most conventional public or private financing for rehabilitation of their severely deteriorating buildings. The Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency had previously purchased the land under the central town area and has assisted in the completion of major infrastructure improvements to help retain the businesses and the low and moderate income housing. This signing event marks the transfer of the land from SHRA to the building owners, creating true land and homeownership for the Chinese residents of Locke and achieving a major milestone in the historic and cultural preservation of this unique Delta community.

Photo/Interview Historic signing of grant deeds, purchase and sale agreements, Lee-Jet-

Ops: Don Lion Dancers, Main Street business owners, Locke residents.

SHRA is a Joint Powers Authority created by the City and County of Sacramento to represent both jurisdictions for affordable housing and community redevelopment needs. SHRA oversees residential and commercial revitalization activities in 13 redevelopment areas throughout the City and County. The Agency is the leading public developer of affordable housing. SHRA has a FY 2004 budget of \$196 million and approximately 328 employees. The Agency owns 3,200 units of public housing and is one of the largest landlords in Sacramento. SHRA also administers about 11,000 rental assisted vouchers per month.

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