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**FREE HOMEOWNERSHIP FAIR OPENS DOORS TO
AMERICAN DREAM OF OWNING A HOME**
*Fair features bilingual classes on the home buying process,
dozens of exhibit booths, and activities for kids*

Sacramento - The Sacramento Regional Partners for National Homeownership Month 2004 will host the **“Opening Doors to Homeownership in Sacramento” Homeownership Fair** (www.OwnAHomeFair.com) on **Saturday, June 12, 2004, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Rusch Park Community Center, 7801 Auburn Boulevard in Citrus Heights.** A special opening ceremony will take place at 9:00 a.m. to highlight National Homeownership Month and the importance of homeownership. The event is free and open to the public. Parking is also free.

The annual event draws thousands of people from the Sacramento Metropolitan Region who want to learn how to buy their first home. Visitors can take free short classes on homeownership including an introduction to the process and terms, down payment assistance, and credit reporting and scoring. Classes will be taught in English, with Spanish, Russian, Vietnamese, Hmong and Mein available through reserved headsets. Mini-classes will also be offered on home energy efficiency and utility savings, how to avoid loans that may be tempting but are not always the best financing alternative, and other related essentials for smart money management.

Over 40 exhibit booths from mortgage bankers, brokers, loan officers, real estate professionals, insurance agents, government housing agencies and non-profit housing advocates will be available to talk with visitors and programs and services that make homeownership easy to achieve. There will also be activities for kids, food and fun for everyone.

The Homeownership Fair 2004 is produced by a countywide partnership of local government agencies, non-profit organizations and local elected officials. The partnership includes Assemblymember Darrell Steinberg, California Department of Veteran’s Affairs-Cal Vet Home Loan Program, City of Citrus Heights, City of Sacramento, Congressman Robert T. Matsui, Countrywide Home Loans, Fannie Mae-Central Valley Partnership Office, The Home Loan Counseling Center of Sacramento, River City Bank, Sacramento Association of REALTORS, Sacramento Commercial Bank, Sacramento Credit Union, Sacramento Department of Human Assistance, Sacramento Housing Alliance, Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency, Sacramento Neighborhood Housing Services, Sacramento Realist Association, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development-Sacramento.

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