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**RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY MARKS PHASE ONE UPGRADES AT
OAK PARK COMMUNITY CENTER**
Project supports goal of preserving and expanding recreation opportunities

Sacramento. Oak Park Community Center now has a newly expanded weight room and activity space and more office space for staff to assist residents who use the center. The expansion project was celebrated with an official ribbon cutting ceremony attended by City officials and Oak Park residents. The Oak Park Community Center serves as a prominent gathering place for hundreds of seniors, children and youth on many days during the week.

“This is an exciting day in Oak Park,” said Mayor Heather Fargo. “We need places like this to meet. This is one of those places where the community can come together and do what it needs to do to not only provide services for its youth but to really have a place to gather to and work on making Sacramento a better place.”

The expansion also included a new restroom, new paint and flooring and air conditioning in the meeting rooms. The Oak Park Community Center is located in District 5 represented by Council Member Lauren Hammond. “I want to thank the community for supporting this project,” said Council Member Hammond. “This community deserves the best and I will always try to get you the best.”



The Phase One expansion project is funded primarily through \$1.8 million in City General Funds. The Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency has assisted the project with \$700,000 in tax increment and Community Development Block Grant funds.

Phase Two of the expansion project includes construction of a new multi-purpose gymnasium and an outside stage. The City of Sacramento Parks and Recreation Department has applied for a \$3 million State grant to fund the construction. The Oak Park Community Center Expansion is consistent with community development goals for the Oak Park Redevelopment Area Implementation Plan by promoting cultural facilities as a component of visitor attractions in the Oak Park area.

SHRA (www.shra.org) 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, and is the region's leading public developer of affordable housing. The Agency provides a variety of programs for first-time homebuyers and offers several loan programs and other assistance to the business community. SHRA owns 3,600 units of public housing and is one of the largest landlords in Sacramento. SHRA also administers about 11,700 rental assistance vouchers per month. SHRA has a FY 2004 budget of \$196 million and approximately 328 employees.