

VALLEY ROUNDUP

Strong Inflow of Tenants

Hacienda Business Park in Pleasanton is reporting a strong, net positive inflow of tenants for 2012. Nearly 573,000 sf of development activity occurred in Hacienda during 2012, which includes new project approvals and construction. Net tenant absorption totaled approximately 210,283 square feet.

"This marks the second consecutive year of strong, positive growth in Hacienda. Our ability to attract quality tenants, such as those we saw arriving in 2012, is a continued demonstration of Hacienda's underlying value" said James Paxson, Hacienda's general manager. "Furthermore, we are seeing signs that 2013 will also be another year for positive absorption."

Major transactions in 2012 were seen by companies in a variety of business segments, including Blackhawk Network (gift card distribution), Club One Pleasanton (fitness), Cooper Bussmann (circuit protection products), CPU Tech (electronic systems), Ellie Mae (on-demand automation solutions for the mortgage industry), Gap Inc. (retailer), Hitachi (semiconductor), Maddie's Fund (animal care), ServiceMax (software), and Sunbelt Controls (building automation contractor).

Hacienda's 10 million square feet of existing, mixed-use space is occupied by some 475 companies that locally employ approximately 17,500 people. Additional information can be found at www.hacienda.org

DeSaulnier in Livermore

State Senator Mark DeSaulnier invites constituents to meet one-on-one with the senator on Sat., Feb. 9 at the Livermore Library.

Constituents can talk about ideas, help with solving a problem involving a state agency, state an opinion on legislation, or other topics.

DeSaulnier will be available between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. No appointments are necessary. For more information, call 942-6082.

The library is located at 1188 South Livermore Avenue.

Swalwell Co-Sponsors Legislation

Congressman Eric Swalwell (D-CA) co-sponsored H.R. 11, the Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Act, introduced yesterday by Congresswoman Gwen Moore (D-WI). This bill is essentially the same as the reauthorization that passed the Senate last Congress on a bipartisan basis, but was not considered

by the House.

Swalwell, stated, "Thanks to the landmark 1994 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), we have made great strides in protecting women from domestic violence and sexual assault, but there is much work left to do. That's why it was so frustrating that the bipartisan reauthorization of VAWA passed by the Senate was not considered by the House last Congress."

Chamber Sets Installation

The Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce's Annual Board Installation and Gala is set for Feb. 9.

This year's theme is "The Emerald City with the Land of Oz." The 2013 Chamber Board of Directors will be installed, including Chairman Jay Davis of the Fannie & John Hertz Foundation.

The evening includes networking, food by Checker's Catering, hosted bar and gaming tables. Amos Productions will transform the Robert Livermore Community Center into the glorious land of Oz.

The fun is on Saturday, February 9 from 7 - 10 pm. Tickets are \$115 each. They are available by calling the Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce at 925-447-1606, or on-line at livermorechamber.org. Space is limited.

Isabel Interchange Award Winner

Mark Thomas & Company has received an Honor Award from the California Chapter American Council of Engineering Companies for work on the Isabel Avenue (SR 84)/I-580 Interchange in Livermore.

This new full access interchange connecting State Route 84 to I-580 improves mobility, reduces congestion, and provides local roadway, utility, and drainage infrastructure improvements in the western area of the City of Livermore. Special design considerations were provided in the design for the future BART extension to Livermore, protecting the environmentally sensitive Arroyo Los Positas and providing for the movements of endangered species under Portola Avenue. This \$100 million project was delivered in three construction packages resulting in an overall construction cost savings of twenty percent.

ACEC California is a statewide association representing more than 1,000 private consulting engineering and land-surveying firms that average 20 employees each. For more information, visit www.acec-ca.org.

East Bay Innovation Its Employment Sup

The East Bay Innovations Affinity Employment Network ("Affinity") is expanding support for individuals in the Tri-Valley area who are receiving SSI and/or SSDI and are seeking work. With grants received from the cities of Pleasanton and Livermore, Affinity is intensifying outreach to local residents.

Services are available through Affinity at the Tri-Valley One-Stop Career Center, 5020 Franklin Dr. in Pleasanton.

Affinity can provide SSI (Supplemental Security Income) and SSDI (Social

Security Disability Insurance) beneficiaries the ages of 18 and over support to achieve employment goals and return to work. Edi Nelson, Employment Specialist for Affinity, will provide job readiness assistance, interview skills and preparation development, job search assistance, including reporting to Social Security Administration to assist with benefit management.

Through the Affinity Employment Network, individuals can receive assistance to Work employment.

Haggerty Heads Transp

In the first change in leadership since its inception, the Alameda County Transportation Commission unanimously elected Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty as its Chair and Oakland City Council President Pro Tem Rebecca Kaplan as its Vice Chair. Both have served on the Commission since it was created in July 2010, following the merger of the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency and the sales tax authority, ACTIA.

Supervisor Haggerty is a long standing local and region-wide leader for transportation funding and implementation. He succeeds inaugural Chair, Mayor Mark Green.

"I'm pleased to be leading the Alameda CTC as we move into our second decade of delivering voter-mandated and publicly funded

transportation projects," stated Haggerty. "It is an honor to work to provide top-notch elected leadership to solve the challenges of congestion, and transportation for Alameda County at the highest level of ability."

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