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Over 100 Volunteers to Replant Trees on Palo Alto's California Avenue *Planting Organized by Canopy and The City of Palo Alto*

Palo Alto, CA – January 30th, 2010 – A California Avenue volunteer tree planting event hosted by Canopy and The City of Palo Alto is scheduled for Saturday, January 30, from 10AM–12:30PM on California Avenue. Volunteers will receive training before planting the trees in more than twenty organized teams. There will also be a Mayor's Tree Planting Ceremony at 12:30PM featuring outgoing Mayor Peter Drekmeier and incoming Mayor Pat Burt.

The City Council approved a street tree plan includes a mixture of over 60 new evergreen and deciduous trees. The second phase of the California Avenue Streetscape Improvement project is currently under design and includes new benches, kiosks, bike racks, news racks, a new fountain, trees and furniture in the plaza area near the Caltrain Station, street resurfacing, possible potted plants, and possible lane reconfiguration.

Volunteer planting teams are made up of community groups and individual residents alike. The number of volunteer planting teams is limited, but all community members are welcome to attend the event.

The schedule of events is as follows:

9:30-10AM: Planting volunteer sign-in

10AM: Volunteer planting of some 50 trees

12:30PM: Mayor's Planting featuring outgoing Mayor Peter Drekmeier and incoming Mayor Pat Burt

Non-planting activities include:

- Sacred Ohlone blessing ceremony (9AM by the fountain: singing, silence, prayer and procession)
- Symbolic planting activity with tree stickers for kids and families

For more information, please visit www.canopy.org, www.cityofpaloalto.org/calave or call 650-964-6110.

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