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**County to Allocate Funds to Family Supportive Housing,  
Inc. for Development of New Family Center**

SAN JOSE, CALIF.— Today, the County of Santa Clara Board of Supervisors voted to allocate \$1 million from the Affordable Housing Fund to Family Supportive Housing, Inc. to assist in the development of a new San Jose Family Shelter. The new family shelter will be located at North King Road near Mabury Road.

The San Jose Family Shelter will include 35 small apartments and one manager's apartment. The units will vary in size from studio units (400 SF) to larger units with semi-private sleeping areas for larger families (500 SF). Approximately 15,000 square feet will be developed for supportive services and common areas.

"The County is proud to contribute to the development of the San Jose Family Shelter," said Supervisor Pete McHugh. "This project will provide interim housing and support services to families in need."

The total cost of the new family shelter is approximately \$16 million. The City of San Jose has also committed \$5,575,000 to the project.

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The new family shelter will be adjacent to Kings Crossing, a new affordable family apartment project that provides 92 units of affordable housing, of which 42 units will be extremely low-income.

“Family Supportive Housing is committed to finding permanent housing for homeless families, and the San Jose Family Shelter will help fulfill the goals of the county’s 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness in our community,” said Supervisor Don Gage, who created the Blue Ribbon Commission on Ending Homelessness and Solving the Affordable Housing Crisis in 2007.

### **Background**

The current San Jose Family Shelter is the only emergency housing shelter in Santa Clara County that serves exclusively families, both single and two-parent. It was opened in 1988 in a vacant warehouse on Las Plumas Avenue. Each family unit is only 180 square feet and holds up to eight family members. There are neither private bathrooms nor sufficient space for the critical services that the families need to become self-sufficient in 90 days.

In July 2002, the County of Santa Clara Board of Supervisors approved creation of the Office of Affordable Housing and established the Affordable Housing Fund. The purpose of the office is to assist in the development of housing for extremely low-income and special needs populations. So far, the \$16,730,000 in the Affordable Housing Fund has leveraged a total investment of \$372,987,625 that has resulted in 1,674 new housing units or shelter beds for county residents.

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