

Resolution

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING

PENINSULA JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

WHEREAS, on this 18th day of May 2004, the PENINSULA JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER proudly celebrates its long-awaited dream becoming a reality by dedicating its new home and opening its doors to the community on May 24, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the PENINSULA JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER was founded in 1948 by a group of enthusiastic Jewish community members in a rented home in Burlingame and the Center quickly became popular among many San Mateo County residents as a place of compassion and a symbol of unity to all, and as demand grew, the tiny house was soon too small to support the needs of Center members, causing the Center to move to a San Carlos storefront; and

WHEREAS, in 1963, the PENINSULA JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER purchased and opened on a 4+ acre site in the Belmont hills, operating a broad range of programs that grew to include several preschool sites, summer camp, youth programs, sports and recreation programs, a health and fitness center, transportation and supportive services for older adults, Jewish educational and cultural programming, holiday celebrations, and much more and by the 1990's, the Center was serving thousands of people of all ages and faiths each year, and could grow no further at its Belmont site; and

WHEREAS, the PENINSULA JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER signed a lease with the City of Foster City in 1998, forging a unique public-private partnership, and the plan to build the Center's new home was born in order to develop a much larger, centrally located, and easily accessible PJCC; and

WHEREAS, the 2004 opening of the PENINSULA JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER's new 12-acre home results from years of hard work, contributions, and the dedication of hundreds of individuals banding together to inspire a new sense of community in San Mateo County; and

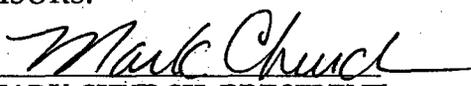
WHEREAS, the Foster City site enables the PENINSULA JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER to grow well into the future, with facilities such as the 50,000 square foot Byer Athletic Center, the expansive Koret Learning Center, a self-contained preschool campus, the first-ever Youth and Teen Center, a range of classrooms and meeting rooms, a café and an outdoor courtyard, more space for summer and seasonal camps, and future plans for a Cultural Arts Center; and

WHEREAS, The PENINSULA JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER's long and proud history stems from its widespread support, continued response to growing community needs, and a distinguished heritage as part of the Jewish Community Center movement and by 2008, the Center expects to more than triple its Belmont membership, regularly serving more than 8,000 members and thousands of others living and working throughout the Peninsula,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County does hereby congratulate and commend the PENINSULA JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER on its opening celebration and dedication, and extends best wishes for continued prosperity and service to the community.

DATED: May 18, 2004

SUPERVISORS:


MARK CHURCH, PRESIDENT