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County Accepting Applications for Juvenile Hall Advisory Board

SAN JOSE, CALIF.—The County of Santa Clara is now accepting applications from residents interested in serving on the Juvenile Hall Advisory Board (JHAB) as provided for in Measure A, approved by voters in March. The Measure amended Section 504 of the County Charter to give the County Board of Supervisors oversight and policymaking authority for Juvenile Hall.

The Measure also authorized the Board of Supervisors to create a Juvenile Hall Advisory Board to facilitate effective working relationships with parents and community organizations concerned with juvenile probation services in Santa Clara County. The Board of Supervisors recently adopted an ordinance that outlines the structure of the 21-member Juvenile Hall Advisory Board, whose task will be to improve safety and conditions for minors at County operated juvenile detention facilities and to provide policy guidance to the Board of Supervisors and Probation Department.

JHAB will consist of members representing a broad spectrum of stakeholders, including: a judge from Juvenile Court, District Attorney, Public Defender, Sheriff (or their designees), two health professionals with expertise in child psychiatry and child development, a member from each of the three employee bargaining organizations,

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two persons who were incarcerated at juvenile hall, two parents of persons incarcerated, a
social services professional, a representative from the County Office of Education, three
representatives from community based organizations with expertise in children and
family services, and a victim of juvenile crime to advocate on behalf of victims. In
addition to the Juvenile Hall facility, the group will also oversee the ranches. The JHAB
also will be required to develop and submit to the County Board of Supervisors an annual
work plan.

The JHAB will meet monthly. The ordinance creating the advisory board and
applications are online under “Hot Items” on the County’s website: www.sccgov.org
They also may be obtained from and submitted to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors,
County Government Center, 70 West Hedding Street, 10th Floor, San Jose, California
95110 or by calling (408) 299-5001. Completed applications must be received in the
Clerk’s Office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 5, 2004.

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