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East Palo Alto: The Other Side of the Story

Community leaders share efforts to work together, combat violence with new community foundation

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- WHAT:** East Palo Alto has been in the news recently for homicides and acts of violence. But there is another side to this small Silicon Valley city. A diverse group of residents, nonprofit and public sector leaders have been working together to overcome historical challenges – poverty, violence and disparities in opportunity – and build a safe, vibrant and connected community. Throughout the city’s 24-year history, grassroots efforts have turned lives around and made the community stronger. These efforts have long been nurtured by the region’s two local community foundations. With the merger of the community foundations, the East Palo Alto community is joining together to welcome Emmett D. Carson, Ph.D., CEO and president of the new Silicon Valley Community Foundation – and share its vision for a stronger future.
- WHEN:** Monday, January 29, 2007
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- WHERE:** East Palo Alto City Hall
2415 University Avenue, East Palo Alto, California
- SPEAKERS:** David Woods, Mayor, East Palo Alto
Rose Jacobs Gibson, Supervisor, San Mateo County Board of Supervisors
Community Residents and Nonprofit / Faith / Public Sector Leaders
Emmett Carson, CEO and president, Silicon Valley Community Foundation
- VISUALS:** The Eastside College Preparatory School Youth Choir will perform – young people committed to positive alternatives to violence. Local organizations will display collaborative efforts to address critical social problems.
- INTERVIEWS:** Community leaders who are making a difference will be on hand for interviews. **Note: Spanish, Tongan and Samoan-language interviews available.**