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**Councilmember Sandy Sheedy opens a safe, new place
where teens can be themselves: Thursday, 3 p.m.**

Sacramento, California, April 16, 2008—More than ever, teens need safe places where they can be themselves and at the same time be exposed to positive influences. Councilmember Sheedy invites the media to attend the grand opening of such a place, the Robertson Community Center – Teen Center. The grand opening celebration will take place this **Thursday, April 17th, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.**

“This community has been trying to get a facility like this for many years. Now we've made a start on creating a place for teenagers to feel safe and have fun. This has truly been a labor of love for me and for the many people who pitched in and helped make this day possible,” said Councilmember Sheedy.

The new Teen Center will be open Monday thru Friday, from 2:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. The center is equipped with the latest technologies as well as time-tested teen favorites: two big screen TVs, a Playstation game console, cable television, comfortable couches and chairs, plenty of fun board games, and four computers that are connected to the Internet. In addition to these things, teens also have access to a basketball court, baseball field, and eventually, a tetherball court and skate park. Best of all, the Teen Center will be a positive and safe place for all teens.

The Robertson Community Center – Teen Center is jointly sponsored by Councilmember Sheedy, the Department of Parks and Recreation, Mutual Assistance Network of Del Paso Heights, and Nehemiah Corporation of America.

Details:

Event: Grand Opening of Robertson Community Center – Teen Center

Significance: The City's newest teen center provides a safe place for teens to relax, play games/sports, and be exposed to positive influences.

Visuals: Teens enjoying the new center, parents and family members welcoming the opening of the center, and staff highlighting the many ways teen centers benefit the community.

Participants: Councilmember Sheedy, Community Partners, and Local Teens

Date: Thursday, April 17th

Time: 3 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Location: Robertson Community Center - 3525 Norwood Ave.

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