

News Release

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James Lick High School and the Alum Rock Village Celebrate New Look

On **Saturday, May 17, 2003, at 1 P.M.**, representatives from the City of San Jose and the East Side Union High School District will officially cut the ribbon to the newly remodeled James Lick High School parking lot. This area, located on the corner of Alum Rock Avenue and White Road, has been renovated through a partnership with the City of San Jose Redevelopment Agency and the East Side Union High School District.

Thanks to the leadership of **District 5 Councilmember Nora Campos**, the Redevelopment Agency was able to work with the District to create a win-win project. James Lick High School received a resurfaced, beautifully landscaped parking lot with improved lighting, a new wrought iron fence and an electronic marquee with a minimum investment by the district. In return the retailers in the Alum Rock Village will have ample access to parking spaces which will be available for their customers after 3 P.M. during the week and all day on weekends.

The James Lick community is invited to attend the ribbon cutting event. **Student Body President Hector Sandoval** will kick off the ceremony. **Councilmember Nora Campos, East Side Union Board President J. Manuel Herrera, Superintendent Joe Coto and James Lick Principal Bernie Olmos** will participate in the celebration. Refreshments will be provided by Peter's Bakery and Rafiki's Coffee Hut.

In addition, the James Lick Leadership class is sponsoring a carnival from 11 am to 3 P.M. for the community. Adjacent businesses will be offering discount coupons for food and retail items.

"I want to thank the City and in particular Councilmember Nora Campos for developing this partnership with the district. This beautification project is one of several that will make a tremendous difference for our community," said **Principal Olmos**.

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