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Colony Square Groundbreaking and Celebration Date Set

ATASCADERO, CA- Funding is in place, documents are recorded, leases are signed and Colony Square is ready to begin construction! A groundbreaking date has been set for Monday, November 9, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. at the theater site. An evening of celebration will take place on Tuesday, November 10, 2009 beginning at 5:00 p.m. also at the theater site.

“We are excited that the county’s largest and most technically advanced theatre will be here in Atascadero” stated Tom O’Malley, Council Member and Chairman of the Atascadero Community Redevelopment Agency. “The theater is a major step towards the revitalization of downtown and is a symbol of so many good things coming to Atascadero in the future,” O’Malley said.

The groundbreaking ceremony will consist of music, appearances from movie characters and comments from community leaders, the Chairman of Galaxy Theaters, Frank Rimkus and the project owners, James Harrison and Peter Hilf

The evening of celebration taking place on Tuesday night at the theatre site and will include photo opportunities with the likes of Darth Vader, Storm Troopers, the Predator, Snow White and other famous movie personalities. From 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., participants can enjoy complimentary refreshments, popcorn and soft drinks and will be able to receive gift items and opportunities for free movie tickets. The evening will culminate with a showing of the original Indiana Jones movie, “Raiders of the Lost Ark” on the City’s large movie screen at approximately 7:30 p.m. The theater site is located in the downtown at 6905 El Camino Real.

The completed theater will be state of the art consisting of 10 screens with stadium seating and modern, digital projecting and sound systems. The building will also provide restaurant and retail opportunities.

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