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The Fremont Earthquake Exhibit: Look at the past but see the future.

Fremont, Calif. -- A dedication ceremony for the Fremont Earthquake Exhibit will take place at the exhibit September 5, 2006 at 11:30am. The event will allow state and community leaders to get a glimpse of the future of the United States' only public-accessible exhibit to see an actual earthquake fault.

The dedication serves to both celebrate the public's embrace of the exhibit and to bring the community together to support the vision for the exhibit's future. Since the opening of the exhibit four months ago, over 10,000 visitors have come to the site to see the Hayward fault and learn about what the effect will be on the Bay Area of a future large earthquake.

State Assemblyman Alberto Torrico will cut a ribbon 'to the future' of the exhibit and Fremont Councilman Robert Wieckowski will announce the kick-off of a capital campaign for funding the popular exhibit. Operated by the non-profit Math Science Nucleus, the exhibit will be demolished and returned to previous conditions on October 29, 2006 unless the funds can be raised to continue it.

MORE INFORMATION:

The earthquake exhibit features a staircase into the 15-foot-deep excavation that exposes the Hayward fault below ground as it crosses Fremont's Central Park.

The Hayward fault produced a M6.9 earthquake in 1868 and research has shown that earthquakes of that size happen every 125-175 years, on average. The 1868 quake was 138 years ago. The Bay Area, particularly the East Bay, will experience a future Hayward fault quake much more strongly than the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake that most residents consider the "Big One."

The Math Science Nucleus is a Fremont non-profit organization devoted to providing local schools and the worldwide community with access to quality science education. Please consult <http://msnucleus.org> for more information.