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## SAN BRUNO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION LAUNCHES COMMUNITY LISTENING CAMPAIGN

Foundation Seeks Input from San Bruno Community on Community Needs and Possible Uses for \$70 Million Fund

San Bruno, California, April 29, 2015 – If you had \$70 million to benefit San Bruno, how would you spend it? The San Bruno Community Foundation will ask this question as it launches an extensive community engagement and listening campaign in San Bruno during May and June.

Utilizing the services of the Public Dialogue Consortium, the community-wide outreach will include town hall conversations, an online survey and community discussion board, a paper version of the survey, one-on-one interviews at San Bruno-centered events, and a series of focus groups that will engage diverse sectors of the community.

Four years ago, after the devastating pipeline explosion in San Bruno's Crestmoor neighborhood, the City of San Bruno pursued restitution from PG&E to benefit the entire San Bruno community. The City Council created the nonprofit San Bruno Community Foundation to manage the \$70 million restitution fund, which is specifically earmarked to benefit the entire San Bruno community over the long term. The Foundation's funding is separate from the trust fund that the City received to make repairs to the affected neighborhood and separate from settlements victims received from PG&E.

"In shaping the direction and activities of the Foundation, the Board has been committed to soliciting community input on how the \$70 million can be used to enhance San Bruno. This campaign will help guide the Board as it develops policies for grant-making and investment strategy over the long term," said Leslie Hatamiya, the Foundation's Executive Director. "We want to hear from a broad cross-section of the San Bruno community, and we encourage all of the City's residents to participate in the campaign to share their ideas and hear what others have to say."

The town hall conversations will run from 6:30-8:30 p.m. There will be support for Spanish speakers. Refreshments will be served, and reservations are not required. The three town hall conversations will be held as follows:

Monday, May 11: Capuchino High School Cafeteria, 1501 Magnolia Avenue

Thursday, May 28: Belle Air Elementary School, 450 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue

Wednesday, June 3: San Bruno Senior Center, 1555 Crystal Springs Road

The online survey and discussion board (both in English and Spanish) are available at www.SBCFListens.com. Paper copies of the survey will be available at San Bruno City Hall (567 El Camino Real), Library (701 Angus Avenue West), Recreation Center (251 City Park Way), and Senior Center (1555 Crystal Springs Road) beginning May 4.

Interviewers will be available to the public at San Bruno's Operation Clean Sweep Luncheon at San Bruno City Park (May 2) and at the annual Posy Parade (June 7). The first interview session was conducted on April 25 at the American Legion Post #409's monthly breakfast.

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