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Children's Garden Ground-Breaking This Saturday 10 a.m.

WHO: Sacramento Mutual Housing Association (SMHA),
The First 5 Sacramento Commission,
Fruitridge Manor Neighborhood Association (FMNA),
Peter Burnett Elementary School,
University of California, Davis, Master Gardeners.
Also participating: Ellyne Bell, Sacramento City Unified School District Board of
Trustees, and Kevin McCarty, Sacramento City Council.

WHAT: First 5 Children's Global Garden Groundbreaking

WHERE: **Back of** Peter Burnett Elementary School,
6001 38th Avenue, Sacramento.
Cross street is 59th Street.

WHEN: Saturday, January 13, 10:15 a.m. ceremony, 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. moving a fence,
moving trees, stripping sod and prepping soil. The next day, they'll be installing irrigation will
focus on the produce aspect of gardening—"ethnic vegetables," nutrition, organic gardening.

WHY: It's the first joint school and community garden project in the Sacramento area. The
garden's goal is to strengthen ties between the school and neighborhood and provide a central
gathering place for the community on school grounds. It also is an important learning tool for the
children of the school as well as a way to get parents and neighbors involved with the local school
system. They'll be moving a fence, moving some trees and stripping the sod.

The First 5 Sacramento Commission Community Building Initiative helps build stronger
communities by funding community-driven projects designed to improve the well-being of
children ages zero to five.

A non-profit organization, SMHA develops and operates affordable housing that builds strong
and stable communities through resident participation and leadership development.

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