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CELEBRATE “TOYS RANCH” STORE GRAND OPENING AT OAKRIDGE MALL

SAN JOSE – On Aug. 4th, 2012, children of all ages were invited to celebrate the grand opening of San Jose’s Toys Ranch – The Learning Store, a locally-owned educational toy and book store. San Jose councilmember and vice mayor Ash Kalra presided over a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 4:00pm to kick off the grand opening, conducted a public speech and **awarded Toys Ranch a certificate of commendation signed by San Jose city mayor Chuck Reed together with Ash Kalra, and other city councilmembers including Kansan Chu and Nancy Pyle, to recognize and commend Toys Ranch – The Learning Store** for supporting Bay Area families and promoting positive learning opportunities for children. Ash stated that Toys Ranch is a great addition to Oakridge Shopping Town and the store’s community involvement and contribution is highly recognized and appreciated.

Over a hundred of guests enjoyed a great day of children's entertainment, games, free prizes and lucky draw. "The grand opening celebration is our way of saying 'thank you' to San Jose for helping us get started in a vibrant, community based city," said Teresa Chen, owner of Toys Ranch.

Children visiting Toys Ranch were all invited to test the toys with their families and read the age-designated educational books. Toys Ranch designed the store to encourage children to be hands on and giggle while they play. Toys Ranch also makes all visits easy by offering parents and grand parents age-appropriate toy and book recommendations.

For more information on the grand opening of “Toys Ranch” please call 408-396-1654.

ABOUT TOYS RANCH – THE LEARNING STORE:

Toys Ranch – The Learning Store has been established since 1998 under the name of “ABC Toys” and “A1 Toys”, and located in Great Mall before moving to Oakridge Mall on June 2012. It’s owned and operated by a mother of two young children and former teacher and Preschool Director, Teresa Chen. Teresa personally selects each toy and book for their uniqueness and high quality to help kids development. Toys Ranch – The Learning Store believes in partnering in education and child-related causes throughout Santa Clara County. San Jose city mayor and councilmembers awarded Toys Ranch a certificate of commendation on Aug. 4th 2012 to recognize and commend for its supporting Bay Area families and promoting positive learning opportunities for children.

For more information about Toys Ranch – The Learning Store, please call 408-396-1654 or stop by the store at the Oakridge Mall located in Blossom Hill Road cross Santa Teresa Blvd in south San Jose.

About Councilmember Ash Kalra:

Councilmember Ash Kalra earned his seat on the San José City Council in the November 4, 2008 election and was re-elected to a second term on June 5, 2012. He represents Council District 2, which is located in the Southern region of San José bordering Morgan Hill. Councilmember Kalra sits on San José 's Community and Economic Development Committee. He is also the Vice-Chair of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) Board, where he serves on four committees, including the Executive Committee and the Budget and Finance Committee as Vice-Chair. Councilmember Kalra also serves on the Santa Clara Valley Habitat Plan Liaison Group, the Association of Bay Area Governments Executive Board, the Silicon Valley Asian Pacific American Democratic Club Board, the Veterans Training Council Board, the Santa Clara County Cities Association Legislative Action Committee, and the Housing Trust of Santa Clara County Board. He is also a liaison to San José 's Planning Commission, where he previously served for over 2 years prior to taking office. Ash also serves on the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Board, and on the Caltrain Board as a representative of the VTA. For 11 years, Ash Kalra worked as an attorney for the Santa Clara County Public Defender's Office representing indigent clients in Drug Court prior to being elected. He has been a resident of San José for over 30 years and is proud to be the first Oak Grove High School graduate on the San José City Council. Ash is the first Indian-American to be elected to the San José City Council. For more information, please visit www.sjdistrict2.com.

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