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Valley Vision Names Legacy of Leadership Award Winners

Local leaders honored for boosting quality of life via collaboration, innovation

SACRAMENTO, May 17, 2007 – Valley Vision, a regional nonprofit that works to retain and improve quality of life in the six-county Sacramento region, will recognize four community leaders tonight for their collaborative regional spirit and leadership.

The first annual Legacy of Leadership Awards will honor outstanding regional leaders in four key areas that affect quality of life: the environment, the economy, social equity and regional connections and communication.

“We wanted to pay tribute to leaders who have worked so hard to improve and sustain a healthy region and a wonderful quality of life,” said Susan Frazier, CEO and Managing Partner of Valley Vision. “Regional dialogue and cooperation are important, and their leadership helps make it a reality.”

The winners are:

- Environmental Leader: Illa Collin, Sacramento County Supervisor (retired)
- Economic Leader: Dan Kennedy, Publisher, Sacramento Business Journal
- Social Equity Leader: May Ying Ly, Exec. Director, Hmong Women’s Heritage Assn.
- Regional Connector: Jean Runyon, founder, Runyon, Saltzman & Einhorn.

Valley Vision leaders chose award winners from a pool of openly solicited community nominations, with input and guidance from Valley Vision’s 19-member Board of Directors.

The awards will be distributed at Valley Vision’s first annual event, the Legacy of Leadership Awards and Legacy Feast. The event, held at the California Museum for Women, History and the Arts, is meant to honor the past, recognize the present and build the future in regional leadership.

Founded in 1994, Valley Vision is an objective, non-partisan organization that works to increase regional collaboration and provide impartial research for regional planning and problem-solving. Its focus is Sacramento, Placer, Yolo, El Dorado, Sutter and Yuba counties.

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