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**CONGRESS LENDS HAND TO BUILD
FOUR PENINSULA HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOUSES APRIL 19-22**
Peninsula Habitat for Humanity Leads One of Two West Coast Congress Building America
Efforts to Bring Attention to Affordable Housing Needs

California's U.S. Senate and Congressional representatives will step out of Capitol Hill's political arena and onto Peninsula Habitat for Humanity's Daly City construction site April 19-22. State and local government officials will join them for this four-day Congress Building America construction event.

"We're excited that Congress is helping bring attention to the need for affordable housing on the Peninsula," said Mary Boughton, executive director of Peninsula Habitat for Humanity. "The San Francisco Bay Area is one of the least-affordable housing markets in America, and with Congress' help, we can make a real difference in the lives of working low-income families who would not otherwise be able to afford to own a home."

Congress Building America designated Peninsula Habitat for Humanity's four-home development in Daly City as one of two 2006 West Coast projects. Congress Building America connects members of Congress with local Habitat for Humanity affiliates to build simple homes for low-income families. Launched in 2003, Congress Building America is an initiative between Habitat for Humanity International, the United States Congress, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and national corporate and nonprofit sponsors. The goal is to strengthen the network of affordable housing advocates in Congress and have every House Representative and Senator participate in a Habitat for Humanity event in their home state.

"We've invited U.S. Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer, U.S. Congressman Tom Lantos, the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors and officials, and the Daly City Council and staff to join us for our press event on April 20," said June LaBarre, Peninsula Habitat for Humanity's corporate relations manager. "We look forward to their joining us in celebrating the construction of our 100th home."

Peninsula Habitat for Humanity, Congress Building America and the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco (FHLBank San Francisco) are jointly hosting the four building days to celebrate the construction of Peninsula Habitat for Humanity's 100th home and the affordable housing achievements of the 109th Congress (2005-2006). FHLBank San Francisco and Congress Building America and other Bay Area companies including Greater Bay Bank, Universal Paragon Corporation, First Horizon Home Loans, CHS Development Group and Cathay Bank are helping to underwrite the event.

Congress Building America will kickoff Wednesday, April 19, with a press conference following on Thursday, April 20 at 11:45 a.m. Peninsula Habitat for Humanity will launch "109 in Ten," a building campaign to construct 109 homes in ten years, approximately two-thirds of the time it took to build the first one hundred homes. The event will consist of four volunteer construction days at 523 DeLong Street across from the Daly City BART Station.

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Begun in late fall 2005, the Daly City development is now in the final building phase and four families of diverse backgrounds will soon move into their very own homes. “We will begin building another 19 homes throughout the Peninsula over the next year,” Boughton said. “With the help from Congress and FHLBank San Francisco, we’ll be well on our way.”

About Peninsula Habitat for Humanity

Founded in 1989, Peninsula Habitat for Humanity’s mission is to create stronger communities on the San Francisco Peninsula by building quality, affordable homes for low-income families through volunteer labor, community support and donated funds.

About the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco

Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco delivers low-cost funding and other services that help member financial institutions make home mortgages to people of all income levels and provide credit that supports neighborhoods and communities. The Bank also funds community investment programs that help members create affordable housing and promote community economic development. The Bank’s members—its shareholders and customers—are commercial banks, credit unions, savings institutions, thrift and loans, and insurance companies headquartered in Arizona, California, and Nevada.

About Congress Building America

Congress Building America (CBA) is a nationwide public-private-nonprofit partnership between Habitat for Humanity International, the U.S. Congress, and national corporate and nonprofit sponsors. CBA partners members of Congress with local Habitat for Humanity affiliates to build simple, decent houses. Through this partnership, CBA provides an opportunity to bring the issue of affordable decent housing to the conscience of the nation and strengthens the network of affordable housing advocates in Congress.

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