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First Mayor's House to hold Annual Meeting and Recognition event in Salinas

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Salinas, Thursday, July 19, 2012 - The First Mayor's House will welcome in a new board of directors on Friday, July 27th at 5:30PM at 20 Station Place in Salinas. The public is invited to attend. The First Mayor's House is a registered 501c3 non-profit organization whose mission is to bring the past to life for the benefit of local school children and bring the future to life for the Salinas Railroad Museum, stimulating the development of the new cultural/heritage and intermodal transportation center.

The First Mayor's House, also known as the I. J. Harvey house, was home to Salinas' First Mayor, Isaac Julian Harvey, his wife Sarah and their children. Today, it is one of only ten homes that still exist from early Salinas...and it is the only one that operates as a museum and cultural heritage center to interpret the early history of Salinas for local school children. Moved three times since it was built in 1868, the First Mayor's House is significant for its connection to the transportation age and the coming of the Southern Pacific Railroad to Salinas, California.

The new board will serve a three year term and consists of: Larry Bussard, Retired Redevelopment Director for the City of Salinas; Dennis Donahue, Mayor of Salinas; Jada Mattert-Gurley, Vice President of Union Bank of California; Mary Randall, Retired Salinas City Schools Principal; Tony Vincent, President of Executive Security Agency, (The ESA) and Patricia Baker representing the Baker Family. Board Advisors include: Dr. Lila Staples of the CSUMB Museum Studies Program and Ruth Andresen, Community Volunteer and 2012 Jefferson Award Nominee.

In recent years the First Mayor's House has also served as a grand host for many community events and is now available for individual and private rental. Individuals may learn more about the First Mayor's House by logging onto www.firstmayorshouse.org where they may learn about Mayor I. J. Harvey's connection to bringing the Southern Pacific Railroad to Salinas. Website visitors will also find four murals by local artist, John Cerney depicting the coming of the Southern Pacific railroad to Salinas; facility rental information, become a member and may make a secure Paypal donation to the First Mayor's House while there.

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