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As National Expansion Begins, Rick Maya Joins St. HOPE as New Executive Director

By Lisa Serna-Mayorga

On Thursday, December 13th, St. HOPE announced the hiring of Rick Maya as the new Executive Director for St. HOPE's Sacramento office. Maya, who recently left Bank of America where he served as President of the Greater Northern California market, will oversee the nonprofit organization's mission to revitalize inner city communities at the local level. St. HOPE's founder and Chief Executive Officer, Kevin Johnson, will spearhead the national division, which will remain based in Sacramento. The search for an executive director for the Sacramento region began in July, following St. HOPE's annual planning retreat. The expansion to other cities could not have occurred without first ensuring the Sacramento region remained under solid leadership. Maya will oversee the operations of all efforts in the Sacramento region; including the 40 Acres Art Gallery, the regional Neighborhood Corps program, and the St. HOPE Development Company. Additionally, Maya will support the St. HOPE Public Schools programs and initiatives. See "In The News" on page 2 for the press release and Business Journal article on Rick Maya. Welcome to the family, Rick!



Rick Maya prepares for a new adventure at St. HOPE.

Charles Barkley to Visit underground books on Friday, December 21st

By Lisa Serna-Mayorga

On December 21st St. HOPE will welcome long time friend and former NBA Phoenix Suns player Charles Barkley to Oak Park. Barkley, this year's St. HOPE Dinner featured speaker, will be back in Sac at underground books and the Guild Theater to promote his book, *Who's Afraid of a Big Black Man?* Join us from 5-6pm for a reception with Sir Charles Barkley at underground books located at 2814 35th Street in Oak Park. Tickets for the reception cost \$25 (includes Barkley's book) and may be purchased in advance at the book store. At 6pm, immediately following the reception, Barkley will be at the Guild Theater to share his insights on the country's most charged debate on race, power, and fame. Known for his sarcastic humor, Charles Barkley is in his eighth full season as an NBA studio analyst for the Emmy® award-winning studio show *Inside the NBA* on TNT alongside host Ernie Johnson, analyst Kenny Smith and guest analyst Earvin "Magic" Johnson. Drafted out of Auburn University by Philadelphia in 1984, Barkley spent eight seasons with the Philadelphia 76ers before being dealt to the Phoenix Suns shortly after the 1991-92 season. Barkley has authored two other books: *I May Be Wrong but I Doubt It* (2002) and *Outrageous!* (1992). To RSVP for both the reception and lecture, contact Mother Rose at (916) 737-3333 or by email at gwest@undeground-books.com.



Mother Rose and Sir Charles pose for a photo in underground books.

Sac High Students Prepare for December 20th Charter Renewal Vote

By Shani Alford

As the clock winds down on the school board's vote to renew Sac High's charter, Sacramento High School students have continued to demonstrate the true meaning of DRAGON PRIDE. For the past three months Sac High students have attended and participated in over eight SCUSD board meetings including 4 community engagement meetings to discuss the issues of the consent decree. At each meeting, students stepped up to the plate and participated in public comment to tell their own story about the impact Sac High has had on their lives. Now students are preparing for the December 20th school board meeting where board members are expected to vote on Sac High's charter renewal petition and the location of the consent decree high school. Over 800 Sac High supporters are expected at next week's board meeting. We encourage all of you to come out to the Serna Center located at 5735 47th Avenue at 6:30pm to show your support!



Sac High students support their school during a board meeting.

Sac High Charter Renewal FAQs

Many of you have asked how you can support Sac High during charter renewal. Below is information on the December 20th board meeting and ways you can help us secure Sac High's charter for another 5 years:

1. What will happen during the December 20th SCUSD board meeting?

On Thursday, December 20th, the Sacramento City Unified School Board of Education is expected to hear the final staff recommendation on Sac High's charter renewal petition. Once the board hears their staff's recommendation, they will have a brief discussion and then allow the public to comment on Sac High's charter renewal petition. Once public comment is complete, the board is expected to vote on this issue. A "yes" vote will allow St. HOPE to run Sac High for another 5 years.

2. What can I do to show my support?

There are several ways you can show your support. First, you can write a letter of support for charter renewal to the SCUSD board members and Superintendent Mejia. Second, you can write a letter of support to the editors at The Sacramento Bee. Lastly, you can attend the December 20th SCUSD board meeting in support of Sac High's charter renewal. You can mail your letter to the board at their physical address or email your letter. The physical address and email addresses for board members are listed below:

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SHS Charter Renewal Key Dates

Please come out and support Sac High on December 20th as the SCUSD Board of Education votes on our charter renewal petition. For more info, call Lisa Serna-Mayorga at (916) 649-7900:

- **Dec. 20th, 6:00 pm – SCUSD Regular Board Meeting:** The SCUSD Board of Education is expected to vote on Sac High's charter renewal petition and the location of the consent decree school. This meeting will take place at the Serna Center located at 5735 47th Avenue in South Sacramento. Be sure to wear your purple Sac High gear!

SHS Students Participate in Turkey Trot

Sacramento High School Physical Education classes had their 5th Annual Turkey Trot on Tuesday, November 20. Students in all classes participated in a 1-mile run around campus for different prizes from area sponsors. First Place winners received turkeys donated by Alhambra Safeway and a Jamba Juice gift card; second place received Sac High Athletics t-shirts and third place received Starbucks mugs donated by the Broadway Starbucks. This race has become a pre-Thanksgiving tradition at Sac High and the kids look forward to it every year. Kudos to area businesses and Sac High Physical Education teachers Gary Martinez, Robbi Irigoyen and Justin Gatling for their hard work on this year's Turkey Trot.

7th Annual St. HOPE Classic Begins

The 7th Annual St. HOPE Classic Boys' Basketball Tournament (December 13-15) began on Thursday, Dec. 13th in the Dave Hotell Pavilion at Sac High. This tournament attracts eight top-ranked area teams and players and even includes a team from New Zealand. There are four games per day, starting at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, with the last game starting at 8:00 p.m. On Saturday, games start at 2:00pm and the championship game begins at 7:00pm. Come out and support our Sac High Dragons (6-1), ranked #1 in the Sacramento area by The Sacramento Bee and #6 by NorCalPreps.com. Go Dragons!

In the News

St. HOPE Press Release: Rick Maya announcement

December 14, 2007: New director, expansion for Oak Park's St. HOPE
<http://www.bizjournals.com/sacramento/stories/2007/12/17/story7.html>

December 9, 2007: Editorial: Mixed signals
<http://www.sacbee.com/110/story/551961.html>