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CHANTICLEER PARK TO GO OUT TO BID

On Dec. 11, the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors will vote to place Phase I of the Chanticleer Park and LEO's Haven project out to bid, culminating years of community planning and support.

The \$4.9 million project includes demolition, grading, drainage, restrooms, a parking area, facilities and equipment, including LEO's Haven, the County's first all-inclusive playground for children of all abilities. The public-private partnership included a community fundraising effort approaching \$2 million, as well as support from Measure G, the voter-approved half-cent sales tax in unincorporated Santa Cruz County.

"This project is a confirmation that a community working together can achieve great things," Supervisor John Leopold said. "This is a wonderful day for all residents of Santa Cruz County."

"Chanticleer Park and LEO's Haven is a true collaboration between the Live Oak neighborhood, community members and the Parks Department," Santa Cruz County Parks Director Jeff Gaffney said. "It will be a testament to our commitment not only to our residents, but to equity. All kids need to play."

Led by Patricia Potts, of the Santa Cruz Playground Project, and Mariah Roberts, of the Chanticleer Park Neighborhood Association, a community-based fundraising effort recently surpassed its fundraising goal. A check from project supporter Santa Cruz Sunrise Rotary Club put the effort over the top.

To support the park through the purchase of a Chanticleer Park Legacy Program plaque, visit <http://www.scparks.com/Home/Parks/ChanticleerParkLegacyProgram.aspx>. To support LEO's Haven anti-bias, anti-bullying programming, go to santacruzplaygroundproject.org.

To support Santa Cruz County Parks, visit countyparkfriends.org.