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Historic Stanford Mansion Is New Center Of Economic Development

(NAPSA)—Visiting dignitaries and business leaders to California will be entertained at one of the state's most prestigious addresses, the newly renovated Stanford Mansion, and the public is welcome to join them.

The Stanford Mansion, located two blocks from California's Capitol building at 800 N Street in Sacramento, provides the Governor and state's Legislative leadership with an ideal setting for discussions vital to the state's economic growth and business development. The Stanford Mansion will be used by the Governor and members of the Legislature to host leaders from around the globe, as well as house the Governor's Office of Protocol and be open to the public as a California State Park.

"Thanks to the vision and commitment of many dedicated individuals, California now has a magnificent location for state functions—one that is fitting for leaders of one of the largest economies in the world," said the Honorable Susan Peters, Sacramento County Supervisor and board chair of The Leland Stanford Mansion Foundation. "We have been privileged to be part of bringing this landmark back to life and giving a gift to the people that will benefit the future of California."

The Stanford Mansion has a long and lustrous history. Built in the 1860s, it has housed the offices of three California governors and was the site of California's first presidential visit by Rutherford B. Hayes in 1880. During much of the 20th century, the Catholic Diocese of Sacramento used the Stanford Mansion as a home for friendless children.

The role of the Stanford Mansion has now come full circle. The grand home will once again be the State of California's address for business and diplomatic meetings—hosting official "functions of state"—such as those hosted at the White House by the President.

Officially known as the Leland Stanford Mansion State Historic



Stately Victorian mansion now open for state business—and visitor's pleasure.

Park, the Mansion will also be open to the public as a museum where visitors can learn about California's rich history as well as see where modern history is played out through State level functions.

The Stanford Mansion has been restored to its 1870s appearance, while it has also been updated for modern use by state leaders. The Stanford Mansion's intricate detail, from its beautiful interior wood paneling to the delicate brass and glass chandeliers that hang from gold-gilded ceilings, are original from the 1800s and have been fully restored to reflect their original luster.

The \$20 million rehabilitation project was made possible through a strong public-private partnership between California State Parks and the Leland Stanford Mansion Foundation.

"The renovation of the Stanford Mansion will undoubtedly benefit not only California's government but the entire state as well. It is a shining example of the unique and versatile roles our state parks can play," said Ruth Coleman, director of California State Parks.

For additional information about the Stanford Mansion, please visit www.stanfordmansion.org.