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Redwood City Improvement Association Invests \$10,000 to Install Automated External Defibrillators in Downtown

-The RCIA teams up with the City of Redwood City and Redwood City Fire Department to install AEDs to make the Downtown a safer place-

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. (August 15, 2017) – The [Redwood City Improvement Association \(RICA\)](#), a community benefit district that works to enhance Downtown Redwood City, is investing \$10,000 to install four new automated external defibrillator (AED) units in Downtown Redwood City. Two AED units have been installed by the City of Redwood City Redwood City Fire Department and Public Works Services Department in the Courthouse Square and on the front of the Redwood City Public Library Downtown Library. Two more centrally located Downtown AED locations are still being secured, with the potential for additional locations in the future.

“The Redwood City Improvement Association wants to improve the safety of community members and we’re very excited to team up with the Redwood City Fire Department to make sure our neighborhood is equipped for anything,” said Stacey Wagner, president of the Redwood City Improvement Association. “We hope that this new initiative will improve the safety and ease the minds of community members and visitors.”

The AEDs will also be listed on Pulse Point, a 9-1-1 connected mobile app designed to alert CPR-trained citizens of sudden cardiac arrest emergencies nearby. Redwood City and San Carlos Fire Departments encourage residents to join PulsePoint to help provide life-saving assistance within the two communities. Community members who are willing to assist in an emergency can now be notified if someone near them is having a cardiac arrest and require CPR. The location-aware application will alert trained community members in the vicinity simultaneous with the dispatch of advanced medical services. For more details on PulsePoint, visit www.pulsepoint.org.

“On behalf of the Redwood City Fire Department, I want to thank RCIA for their investment in our community’s safety,” said Stan Maupin, fire chief for the City of Redwood City Fire Department, which also provides fire services for the City of San Carlos. “AED’s help save lives and having them installed in

public areas will greatly increase survival through early intervention to make sure a person that needs the help is getting it as soon as possible, even before first responders arrive.”

To learn more about the Redwood City Improvement Association’s AED installations, please visit www.visitRWC.org or for neighborhood updates, follow the association on Instagram and Twitter @visitRWC and Facebook/visitRWC.

For more details on the City of Redwood City Fire Department, visit www.redwoodcity.org and to sign up for the City's emergency alert system, visit here: redwoodcity.org/departments/fire-department/disaster-preparedness/emergency-alert-system.

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About Redwood City Improvement Association (RCIA)

The Redwood City Improvement Association (RCIA) was created in September 2014 as a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation. The RCIA is a community benefit district ran by a board consisting of property owners, residents, community members and businesses. The board is responsible for making decisions in the areas of public safety, beautification, economic development, maintenance and promotions that are most beneficial for the community and its residents, while maintaining the culture and rarity of the downtown district. More information can be found by visiting, www.visitRWC.org or following RCIA on Instagram and Twitter @visitRWC and Facebook/visitRWC.