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Monarch School Receives \$1.5 Million Donation from Nat & Flora Bosa

*Gift enables downtown San Diego school to acquire existing site
to help ensure stable environment for student population of homeless and at-risk children*

SAN DIEGO – A downtown San Diego school serving homeless and at-risk children has received a \$1.5 million gift from real estate developer Nat Bosa and his wife Flora. Monarch School, located at 808 West Cedar Street, will use the gift to purchase the 14,800-square-foot property on which the school is located, along with the single-story school building and related facilities.

“Children are the innocent victims of homelessness,” said Nat Bosa. “Monarch School offers these children an incredible opportunity to gain a quality education while accommodating their basic needs such as food, healthcare, clothing, even laundry. Flora and I feel privileged that we’re able to help provide a stable environment where these self-motivated kids can pursue their dreams of an education ... and a future.”

“We are so grateful to the Bosas for their generous gift,” said Sarita Fuentes, principal and CEO for Monarch School. “For the first time in many of our students’ lives they have found at Monarch a place where their needs come first. And now they can have confidence knowing that this wonderful school will always be here for them.”

As president of Bosa Development Corp., a privately held firm based in Vancouver, B.C., Nat Bosa has managed the development of more than 22,000 residential units, mostly in Canada but also in Seattle, Portland and Maui. In San Diego, he has completed six residential towers downtown, including Horizons at First and Market, Discovery at El Cortez Hill, Park Place on Harbor Drive and The Grande on Pacific Highway. Two other high-rise residential projects, the Electra at Broadway and Kettner and The Legend just beyond left field at Petco Park, are currently under construction.

About Monarch School

Monarch School is a unique example of public- and private-sector collaboration. While the San Diego County Office of Education provides the teachers and an accredited education for Monarch’s students, support from the community enables the Monarch School Project, a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization, to provide healthcare, clothes and food along with enrichment programs that give its students a fighting chance to break the cycle of poverty and homelessness. Monarch serves more than 450 children each year, ages 8-18, grades 3-12, and the school’s focus on academic achievement and personal development is making a positive difference in these students’ lives. Research shows that for every six months a student spends at Monarch, he or she will progress more than a year academically.

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