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**Los Altos Educational Foundation (LAEF) Names Shobana Gubbi New Executive Director**

**LOS ALTOS, Calif., February 14, 2007** -- The Board of Directors of the Los Altos Educational Foundation (LAEF) has named Shobana Gubbi as the foundation's new Executive Director. Gubbi has been on the LAEF board as chair of the public relations committee for two years. In this role, she has been instrumental in expanding the scope of the organization's marketing and public relations activities to increase visibility in the community. In addition, she has defined and implemented key operational processes that have enhanced fundraising revenues due to increased participation. Robyn Fay, the foundation's Executive Director for the past 22 years, retired at the end of 2006.

"During her tenure as a LAEF board member Shobana Gubbi has demonstrated a true commitment and passion to education and Los Altos schools as well as a solid understanding of LAEF's operations and mission," stated Mike Maciag, LAEF board president. "We thank Robyn Fay for her many contributions to LAEF over the past 22 years and have high confidence in Shobana's abilities to lead LAEF going forward."

Gubbi holds a MS degree in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science from UC Berkeley. She has experience in both the non-profit and for-profit sectors having held positions at AlphaSmart, Cisco Systems, Iris Financial Engineering & Systems, and Teknekron Communication Systems. Moreover, she served as an executive board member for the Loyola Elementary School PTA and as an enthusiastic school volunteer in many other capacities.

"LAEF embodies the spirit of community and volunteerism that makes Los Altos such a wonderful place to live and raise a family," said Gubbi. "This is an exciting opportunity for me and I look forward to working with our dedicated board, parents, Los Altos School District administration and the greater Los Altos community to ensure a rich and well-balanced educational experience for our students."

Founded in 1982, the Los Altos Educational Foundation (LAEF) is comprised of all Los Altos elementary and middle school parents who contribute to making the Foundation's fundraising goals. The funds are used to enrich children's education through smaller class sizes, art, music, physical education, and science and technology. Over 95% of the foundation's annual goal is achieved through parents' contributions and matching funds from their employers. LAEF is not endowed by a few large companies or wealthy families; the difference is collectively made one family and one pledge at a time. The Los Altos Educational Foundation (LAEF) is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization, tax id **94-2862793**. For more information, please call LAEF at 650-559-0445 or donate online at [www.laefonline.org](http://www.laefonline.org).