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EDC's 15th Annual Benefit Auction & Environmental Hero Awards

May 29, 2008---The Environmental Defense Center, a non-profit environmental law firm, would like to invite you to celebrate and help support our **15th Annual Benefit Auction and Environmental Hero Awards** being held at the **Historic Stow House** in Goleta, amidst lush surroundings. It should be a beautiful afternoon. The auctioneer will be the Fund for Santa Barbara's Executive Director **Geoff Green**. Join us and **enjoy wine, hors d' oeuvres, live music by the Kinsella Brothers, live and silent auctions, and award presentations.**

Environmental Heroes Being Honored

KIM & JACK JOHNSON: Singer/songwriter **Jack Johnson and his wife Kim** founded the Kokua Foundation which educates school-children about the environment. Jack's music and concerts encourage sustainability and he was at the top of the charts for his new album. **Jack** was also on the cover of both *Rolling Stone* and *Outdoor* Magazines in March.

JOHN GARAMENDI: California's Lieutenant Governor **John Garamendi** has played a critical role in limiting oil and gas development off our coast and has been a strong advocate for environmental quality throughout the State.

SARAH & ANNA SCHWAB: Our first Youth Award will go to **Tree Amigos**, two teen-agers from Orcutt who have become active land-use advocates.

WHEN Sunday, June 8, 2008
TIME 2:00-5:00PM
WHERE Stow House Victorian Gardens
304 N. Los Carneros Road
Goleta, CA 93117

TICKETS are \$100 and can be purchased by calling EDC at **963-1622** with credit card information or by sending your check or cash to EDC at 906 Garden St., Santa Barbara, CA 93101.

Since 1977, the Environmental Defense Center has worked to protect and enhance the local environment through education, advocacy, and legal action. For thirty-one years the Santa Barbara-based environmental non-profit has empowered community-based organizations to advance environmental protection. Their program areas include protecting coast and ocean resources, open spaces and wildlife, and human and environmental health. They work primarily within Santa Barbara, Ventura and San Luis Obispo counties.

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