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## **2,000 VOLUNTEERS EXPECTED IN FOUR BAY AREA CITIES FOR HANDS ON BAY AREA DAY 2006**

*Volunteer mobilization nonprofit, Hands On Bay Area, expects record levels of participation for its day of 65 simultaneous community projects across the region.*

(San Francisco, CA) Record numbers of volunteers have registered for this year's Hands On Bay Area Day, an annual Bay Area-wide volunteer mobilization event, sponsored by Accenture, taking place on Saturday, October 14, in Berkeley, East Palo Alto, San Francisco and San Jose.

The volunteers will gather at simultaneous launch events in four cities to hear community leaders: in San Francisco, **Mayor Gavin Newsom**, in Berkeley, **Mayor Tom Bates**, and in East Palo Alto, **Robert Jones** the executive director of *EPA Can Do!*

After the launch events, volunteers will fan out to over 65 community service projects across the region. Projects include food sorting, cleaning senior housing, painting schools, sprucing up parks, assembling school supplies, and more. Please visit [www.handsonbayarea.org](http://www.handsonbayarea.org) for exact locations of projects and photo opportunities.

"We are proud of our expanded outreach. Over half of the volunteers today will be Hands On first-timers - dramatically increasing participation from 1,200 volunteers last year to 2,000 this year," said Jim Pitofsky, executive director of Hands On Bay Area. "We're working hard to encourage and support even more people who want to create change in their communities."

Hands On Bay Area creates, manages and leads volunteer projects for individuals and corporations that benefit more than 300 nonprofit agencies. Each month, Hands On coordinates and manages more than 100 community service projects that engage 10,000 volunteers each year. For more information, please visit [www.handsonbayarea.org](http://www.handsonbayarea.org).