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## **ANOVA Architects Receives City Proclamation Firm Honored For Preservation of Historic Fausel House**

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**PLACERVILLE, CA** – **ANOVA Architects** will receive a proclamation from the Placerville City Council **tomorrow night** for its preservation and restoration of the Fausel House, the city's oldest residence. The historic house, located on Pacific Street, is the centerpiece to the architecture firm's new Placerville office complex.

"This is tremendous validation for everyone's hard work over the past few years," notes Charlie Downs, President of **ANOVA**. "We knew this was going to be a major undertaking when we purchased the land back in 2005. The entire time we were designing our new office, we were constantly reminding ourselves of the importance of blending it with a nearly 150-year-old house, in one of the oldest cities in California. We knew that once our vision became a reality, it would not only honor the historic elements of this site, it would also elevate the city. I believe we have done that."

In 2007, crews moved the Fausel House roughly 40 feet from its 147-year-old site, rotating the house to face Highway 49 and to maximize the space allowable for building the Fausel Professional Building, a new 19,000 square foot building. The Fausel Professional Building, home to **ANOVA's** Placerville operation, anticipates a LEED® Silver rating from the United States Green Building Council, making it the first building on the western slope of El Dorado County to achieve this milestone for sustainability.

While **ANOVA** is occupying the Fausel Professional Building, crews are readying the roughly 1600 square foot Fausel House for office, retail or commercial tenants.

The Fausel Professional Building has already earned the prestigious Citation Award from the American Institute of Architects for innovative design and preservation.

**Photos of the project are attached to this document. High-res images are available upon request.**

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**ANOVA** is 19 months into its existence, sprouting from the merger of architecture firms Murray & Downs and Oshima & Yee. **ANOVA**, with offices in Placerville and Sacramento, is the second largest architecture firm in the region. **ANOVA** specializes in public works projects including libraries, schools, healthcare and more.

**ANOVA** recently received the prestigious Intern Development Program "Outstanding Firm Award", presented by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) and the AIA. **ANOVA** is proud to be one of just five firms in the United States to win this award.

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