



# Perris News

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## Gov. Schwarzenegger Pitches in with March LifeCare Demolition

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger joined Perris officials Tuesday in demolishing an old building near March Air Reserve Base and clearing the way for what is being labeled as the first medical city in the world.

The \$3.3 billion, 6-million square-foot March LifeCare Project will create 12,500 jobs during its construction, provide 7,500-permanent jobs once completed and will create in Perris and the Inland Empire a medical complex that will become the envy of the world, Schwarzenegger said.

The governor was joined by Perris City Councilwoman Joanne Evans, a member of the board of directors of the March LifeCare project and Perris City Councilman Mark Yarbrough.

Yarbrough serves on the board of directors of the March Joint Powers Authority, which owns the property on which the complex will be built.

About 100 dignitaries joined the governor as a pair of massive bulldozers chomped and shredded their way through what had been a child-care center for Air Force dependents.

"Today we are celebrating the destruction of a building that will make room for the first medical city in the world," Schwarzenegger said. "It's time to say 'hasta la vista baby!'"

Schwarzenegger called the March LifeCare Project the "Mayo clinic of the west."

"The world will be watching us," he told the crowd.

"California always leads the way in new concepts and ideas, so it is no surprise that the first healthcare city to be built from the ground up is happening right here in California. As California continues down the long road toward economic recovery, it is innovative projects like these—that create jobs and build up our infrastructure—that will ensure the Golden State's future will be as bright as its past. It will mean extra revenues for cities, the county and the entire state. It is a win on every level."

The lifecare campus will be built over the next eight years on 236 acres of former military property. It will include a hospital, medical office buildings, retail, skilled nursing facilities, a continuing care community, wellness centers, healing gardens, spiritual healing facilities, ambulatory care facilities and services for America's veterans. Medical and dental hygiene and dental assistant students from Riverside Community College and the University of California, Riverside, will find jobs waiting for them upon graduation.

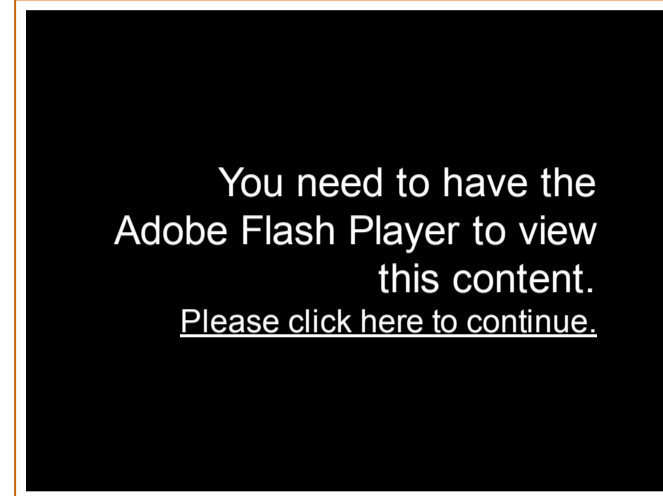
Perris officials said the center will remake healthcare in the City and along the Interstate 215 corridor.

"This is a tremendously important step," said Councilwoman Evans, who has sat on the March LifeCare board for more than three years. "This is the first physical step in the creation of this magnificent project. This is the start of it all. This means it is really going to happen. At first, I thought this was a big tremendous dream. Now it is really going to happen."

Evans, a former Marine, said demolition on other obsolete buildings that will serve as part of the new campus, will begin in about a month.

Yarbrough said the range of medical services from March LifeCare extend from birth to elder care.

"It's unique to say the least," he said. "What a better signal of support than to have the governor bless it? I am so proud for our City. It is a great time to be part of this process."



Schwarzenegger signs his name, giving his approval for the demolition to begin.



A huge crane makes quick work in demolishing a former Air Force child care center.



Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, Perris City Councilwoman Joanne Evans and Perris City Councilman Mark Yarbrough agree the new medical complex will remake health care for the City and Inland Empire.