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**Metro District Board of Directors Unanimously Votes to Pursue Ownership  
of Historic Highlands Ranch Mansion**

At their September board meeting, the Highlands Ranch Metro District Board of Directors unanimously voted to direct the organization's general manager to negotiate with Shea Homes to acquire the Highlands Ranch Mansion with the intent to restore/renovate and open it for the public benefit. The Metro District hopes to complete Mansion negotiations by March 2010.

The Metro District began a Mansion Evaluation Process in October 2008. A feasibility study was conducted to evaluate owning, renovating and operating the Highlands Ranch Mansion. The study looked at renovation costs and conducted a citizen survey to gather input. The survey results reported more than 88 percent of respondents support the Metro District owning, operating and renovating the mansion for community use.

Because of the high level of interest, the Metro District held a thorough public involvement process over several months earlier this year to share the Metro District's thoughts on ownership, funding, and to gain feedback from residents.

For more information about the Mansion Evaluation Process, please visit the Mansion page at [www.highlandsranch.org](http://www.highlandsranch.org), or send an email message to [info@highlandsranch.org](mailto:info@highlandsranch.org) and subscribe to electronic Mansion updates.

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