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Mayor Celebrates the Opening of Silicon Valley Patent Trademark Office at San José City Hall

SAN JOSÉ – Mayor Sam Liccardo today celebrated the opening of the Silicon Valley Patent Trademark Office (Silicon Valley USPTO) located on the first and second floors of the Wing at San José’s City Hall. Today’s celebration concludes a process that started in September 2011 when President Barack Obama signed the America Invests Act into law. The \$18 million Silicon Valley USPTO will house over 100 jobs. The City is projected to receive \$22 million in lease revenue over a 20-year period.

“This is a win for Silicon Valley’s leading technology companies and early-stage entrepreneurs, who generate more patents than any other region in the country,” said Mayor Sam Liccardo. “The USPTO is also a win for downtown San José, now the center of technology, hosting communities, industries and innovators from around the region.”

Mayor Liccardo thanked former Mayor Chuck Reed and the Silicon Valley Leadership group for their leadership in the effort to bring a regional patent trademark office to San José. He also acknowledged the City Administration, San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce, Bay Area Council, San Jose State University, Work2Future, and several Silicon Valley companies for their valuable contributions.

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