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Good day,

I propose establishing a satellite office of the USPTO in southern California. Not only would this provide an office in the Pacific Time Zone, which would greatly help practitioners make last-minute filing deadlines and schedule examiner interviews during reasonable and convenient hours, but southern California is also a smart choice because of available recruiting pool and prevalence of innovative companies and patent practitioners. Southern California is home to a large number of colleges and universities that produce many highly trained individuals that would make great patent examiners. The area is also home to many companies in a variety of industries that rely heavily on the patent system. Such companies could more easily interact with a local satellite office, particularly when it comes to having inventors attend examiner interviews. And representing those companies are many patent practitioners that all call southern California home. Thus, a satellite office in southern California would benefit examiners, inventors, businesses, and practitioners. I see no drawbacks.

Thank you for your time,
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