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Dear Mr. Khan;

I am pleased to provide you with this package of information on the advantages of locating a U.S. Patent and Trademark Field Office in the Sacramento Region. As a brief introduction, the Sacramento Area Commerce and Trade Organization (SACTO) is a private, nonprofit economic development corporation whose primary responsibility is to attract new commercial and industrial enterprise to the capital city region of Sacramento. SACTO, along with several major institutions in the region, submit our recommendation of the Sacramento Region to those selecting the next Field Office.

With its unique combination of an emerging technology sector, major research institutions, and significant government infrastructure as the largest state's capital city, the area provides the optimal location for this facility. In addition, the Office could have a significant catalytic effect on a regional economy that has had a more extensive and prolonged recession than most major metro areas in the U.S.

We have attached several documents that provide details and support the location of the Office in the Sacramento Region. The following is a summary of the Sacramento Region's major competitive assets:

- a location in Northern California, a "mega-region" that is the largest producer of patents in the U.S.;
- a capital city region with a strong government infrastructure;
- one of the most accessible regions on the west coast, with the junction of three national highway systems with a relatively low level of congestion, a seaport, a newly expanded international airport, several executive airports, and extensive rail and light rail systems;
- within roughly an hour and a half of almost every major metro area on the west coast by auto or air;
- a highly skilled and available workforce;
- costs of business and living much lower than our coastal neighbors;
- strong and developing industry clusters in clean technology, information technology, and life sciences, with major technology campuses such as Intel, Hewlett Packard, and TELEFUNKEN Semiconductors;
- high-quality schools of engineering at both UC Davis and Sacramento State University, producing over 1,000 engineering graduates per year;
- discounted high-quality commercial real estate;
- a strong economic development support base with multiple organizations and institutions;

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- seismic stability and very low risk of natural hazards; and,
- a great quality of life, located in the center of Northern California.

This package of information is a result of the efforts of a number of regional organizations and institutions such as: University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law; the Sacramento Area Regional Technology Alliance (SARTA); the Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce; University of California, Davis; the City of Sacramento; the Office of Congresswoman Doris Matsui; California State University, Sacramento; various regional members of Congress and representatives of the California Legislature; several cities and counties within the region; and SACTO. These organizations and others will provide a coordinated and powerful role in developing the Office in the Sacramento Region.

SACTO is committed to providing any information and assistance needed throughout the selection process.

Sincerely,  
  
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Greater Sacramento Region  
January 30, 2012  
Docket Number PTO-C-2011-0066  
Nationwide Workforce Program**

**Executive Summary**

There is no better place in the United States to locate an additional satellite office of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (“USPTO”) than the Greater Sacramento Region (“GSR”) which is found within the Northern California Megaregion (“NCM”). The NCM encompasses an area with a population of just over 14 million. It contributes well over \$600 billion to the nation’s gross domestic product and is well recognized as the global leader in innovation and technology, including information technology centered in Silicon Valley, biotechnology development stretching from the Bay Area northeast to the University of California Davis, and green technology development in and around the Sacramento area. California is the source of a disproportionate amount of patent activity, much of it emanating from the NCM.

The Greater Sacramento Region within the NCM is an ideal place in which to locate a USPTO satellite office. As the state’s capitol with a large number of state and federal employee residents, Sacramento has a local culture that responds to and supports the needs of government employees and a comprehensive higher education system that includes the University of California, Davis, one of the nation’s top ten research universities. Among the many regions within the NCM, the cost of living in the GSR is more in line with the economic expectations of a public sector work force. Comfortable housing at reasonable cost is a hallmark, and particularly during the current recession, housing within the GSR is very affordable. Commercial lease rates are similarly low in the GSR, with ample inventories of immediately available space for government entities.

To support recruitment and retention of USPTO staff and personnel, the GSR and NCM boast some of the world’s leading universities, particularly in fields of engineering, medicine, information technology, agriculture and law, as well as many other institutions of higher education that produce graduates ready to provide support to government employers. In fact, the NCM includes 4 (fully 20%) of the nation’s top 20 universities in terms of research funding. At the same time, the leaders, faculty and alumni from these universities are characterized by an entrepreneurial spirit that has brought some of the world’s most creative innovations to the marketplace. The GSR is a short drive to some of the world’s most beautiful areas for outdoor leisure, activities and recreation.

In addition, the GSR’s proximity to the Bay Area and the availability of good transportation alternatives – including traffic along Interstate 80, transportation by commuter rail between Sacramento and San Jose, and air traffic to and from Sacramento’s brand new international airport terminal – ensures that a USPTO satellite office in Sacramento will remain within easy reach of the entire Western United States, one of the world’s leading centers for innovation and technology transfer.

According to Section 23(c)(1) of the America Invents Act, USPTO

- “shall evaluate and consider the extent to which the purposes of satellite offices listed [below] will be achieved”:
  - “increase outreach activities to better connect patent filers and innovators with the Office;”
  - “enhance patent examiner retention;”
  - “improve recruitment of patent examiners;”
  - “decrease the number of patent applications waiting for examination;” and
  - “improve the quality of patent examination.”
- “shall consider the availability of scientific and technically knowledgeable personnel in the region from which to draw new patent examiners at minimal recruitment cost;” and
- “shall consider the economic impact to the region.”

In the following materials, we provide information relevant to each of these statutory elements, and respond to the criteria listed in the USPTO’s request for comments.

### **Brief Description of Relevant Regions**

There are three regions relevant to the USPTO’s consideration of the merits of locating a satellite office in the Sacramento area. First, it almost goes without saying that the State of California is a global leader when it comes to innovation in what the Constitution refers to as “science and the useful arts.” Stretching from San Diego, through Los Angeles to Silicon Valley and the greater Bay Area, all parts of California have robust technology, engineering and agricultural resources. Nearly equidistant from San Diego and Seattle, Sacramento is ideally placed to serve as USPTO’s central hub for the west coast.

Second, the Sacramento area is within the Northern California Megaregion (“NCM”), one of ten or twelve regions recognized nationally as the likely locus of population clustering through the middle of the twenty-first century. The NCM includes all of Silicon Valley and the San Jose area, stretches northward through San Francisco, Oakland and the Bay Area up to the Napa Valley, eastward through the biotechnology corridor to the renewable energy industries in and around Sacramento, further eastward to information technology manufacturing in Folsom, and extends southward through the rich agricultural region of the San Joaquin Valley. UC Davis, with a Sacramento-based campus, is a long standing member of the Bay Area Science and Innovation Consortium (“BASIC”) which coordinates regional actions with universities, national labs, business and research institutes to address issues in R&D infrastructures and entrepreneurship and promotes the Bay Area’s global innovation leadership.



Particularly with respect to the factors of outreach to patent filers and innovators, patent examiner recruitment, the availability of scientific and technically knowledgeable personnel, the presence of universities with strong engineering programs, and the presence of research facilities, the Sacramento area is connected to and able to draw upon the vast resources of the Northern California Megaregion.

Third, when it comes time to find a location proximate to high tech and innovation, but with a cost and standard of living conducive to recruitment and retention for public sector employment, the Greater Sacramento Region (“GSR”) **simply cannot be beaten**. The GSR includes Sacramento County and six surrounding counties (i.e., Yolo, El Dorado, Placer, Sutter, Yuba and Nevada). The GSR, one of the fastest growing regions in the United States, is the 4th largest metropolitan region in California and the 18<sup>th</sup> largest in the United States. As noted below, the cost of housing is significantly lower than in the Bay Area, which will make it much easier to recruit and retain a quality workforce for the USPTO. As the

### **Statutory Criteria for Locating Satellite Office**

#### **Purposes of Satellite Offices**

##### **Increase Outreach Activities to Patent Filers and Innovators**

Enhancing USPTO outreach activities to patent filers and innovators depends upon close proximity to transportation facilities that can connect the satellite office with filers and innovators. Locating within the GSR clearly optimizes this requirement.

There are, in fact, no major metropolitan sites in California better positioned to access other metropolitan areas in the State or throughout the Western United States. Downtown Sacramento is 10 minutes from the Sacramento International Airport (which has just completed a \$1 billion expansion and has almost 50 daily flights between Sacramento and cities in Southern California), with Southwest Airlines and United Airlines as its most active carriers within the state. In addition, executive flight service is offered at three locations, all within a 25 minute drive of the downtown. This location will uniquely provide “office to airport to destination” within 2 hours of virtually any location in California.

Downtown Sacramento is located adjacent to Interstate 5, and within one mile of the junction to Interstate 80. This allows quick highway access to UC Davis within 20 minutes, University of

the Pacific within one hour, UC Berkeley within one hour and fifteen minutes, UC San Francisco within one and a half hours, and Stanford within two hours.

It is also walking distance to Sacramento’s Amtrak station. Commuters and business travelers enjoy working on the train or relaxing while they watch the scenery go by. The Capitol City line, the most successful commuter rail line in the nation, offers easy access to Davis, the Bay Area, Berkeley and on to San Jose, and points in between – avoiding the heavy Bay Area and south bay traffic.

It is, in fact, the multiple transportation alternatives and close proximity to the Bay Area, Silicon Valley, Napa Valley and the Central Valley that helps define the Northern California Megaregion. Moreover, easy access to the Sacramento International Airport guarantees access within mere hours to any metropolitan area on the West coast.

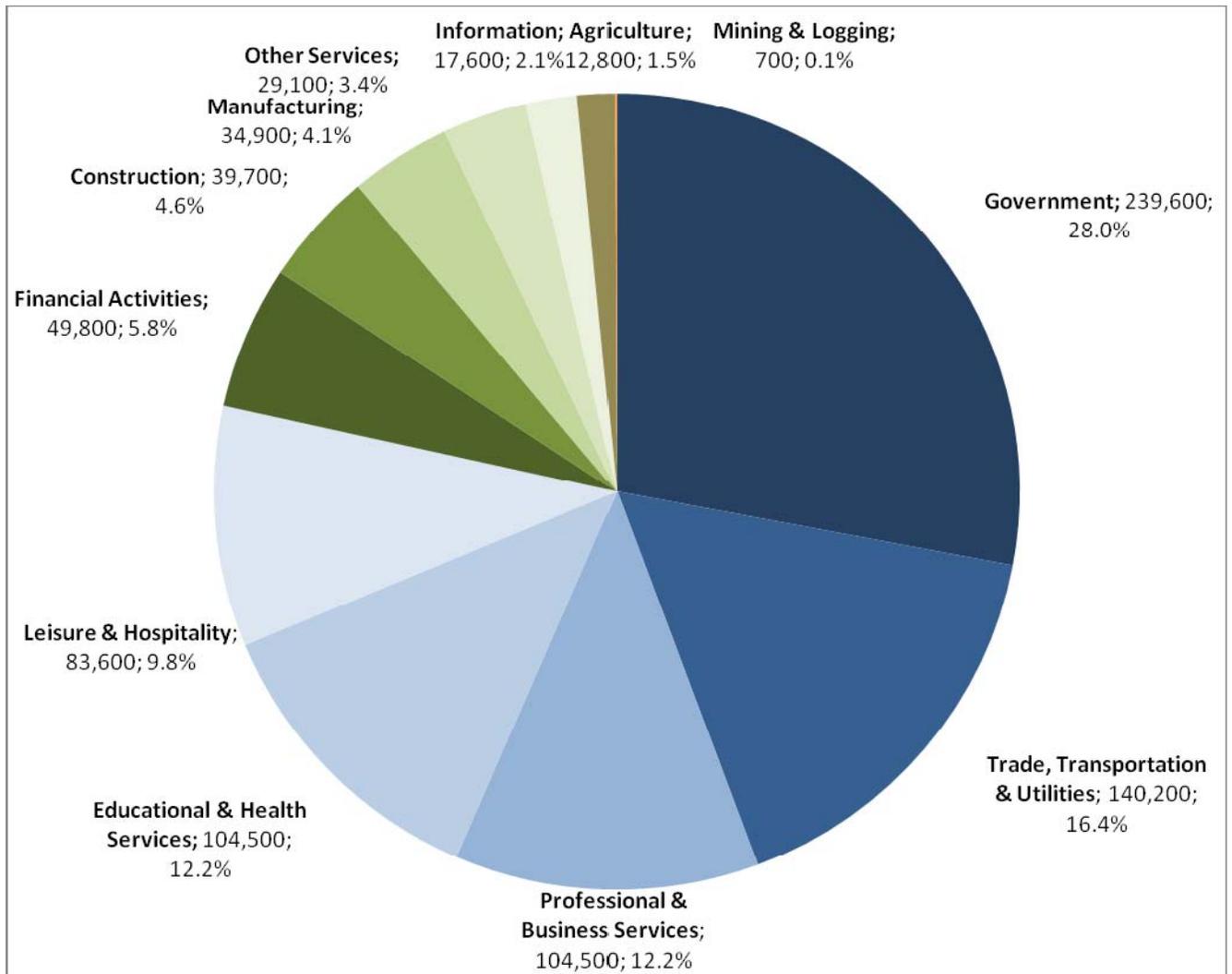
### **Enhance Patent Examiner Retention**

The most important evidence of the ability to retain patent examiners within a USPTO satellite office located in Sacramento lies in the fact that the GSR is home to California state government. As the following table and chart demonstrate, government is by far the GSR’s largest employer:

#### **EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY**

<i>Industry Sector</i>	<i>2010</i>	
Sacramento Region		
Total, All Industries	856,900	
Government	239,600	28.0%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	140,200	16.4%
Professional and Business Services	104,500	12.2%
Educational and Health Services	104,500	12.2%
Leisure and Hospitality	83,600	9.8%
Financial Activities	49,800	5.8%
Construction	39,700	4.6%
Manufacturing	34,900	4.1%
Other Services	29,100	3.4%
Information	17,600	2.1%
Agriculture	12,800	1.5%
Mining and Logging	700	0.1%

Center for Strategic Economic Research, December 2011  
 Data Source: CA Employment Development Department, Labor Market Information Division (LMI), Annual Average Employment by Industry Data;



Because of the high concentration of government employers and employees in the GSR, the USPTO can have confidence that government levels of compensation, the comparatively low cost of living within the GSR (as compared with other communities within the NCM) and other community and cultural factors are sufficient to create favorable conditions for workforce retention within a USPTO satellite office in the GSR.

The following chart shows that compensations levels within the GSR are comparatively more conducive to retention of a public sector workforce than other areas within California.

MEAN ANNUAL WAGES FOR MAJOR  
OCCUPATIONAL CATEGORIES IN 2010

<i>Occupational Category</i>	<i>Sacramento Region</i>	<i>California</i>	<i>SF Bay Area</i>	<i>Los Angeles</i>	<i>San Diego</i>
<i>All Occupations</i>	\$49,704	\$50,730	\$62,317	\$50,003	\$50,200
Management	\$107,770	\$119,480	\$136,564	\$121,033	\$115,710
Legal	\$98,791	\$119,130	\$130,937	\$125,320	\$104,410
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical*	\$88,563	\$85,780	\$98,394	\$80,486	\$88,620
Architecture and Engineering	\$87,305	\$88,150	\$95,473	\$87,294	\$81,960
Computer and Mathematical Science	\$78,947	\$87,990	\$100,605	\$80,736	\$81,480
Life, Physical, and Social Science	\$68,625	\$73,570	\$83,570	\$70,276	\$76,630
Business and Financial Operations	\$67,280	\$74,280	\$86,388	\$72,806	\$70,990
Education, Training, & Library	\$54,302	\$58,000	\$59,547	\$58,968	\$60,140
Office and Administrative Support	\$37,693	\$37,340	\$42,847	\$36,840	\$36,670

Center for Strategic Economic Research, December 2011

Data Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, May 2010 Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates Database

Note: \*Does not include data for the San Jose -Sunnyvale - Santa Clara MSA as not disclosed for 2010.

The following chart and table demonstrate the low cost of housing within the GSR and the high opportunity for housing within the GSR compared to other communities within California.

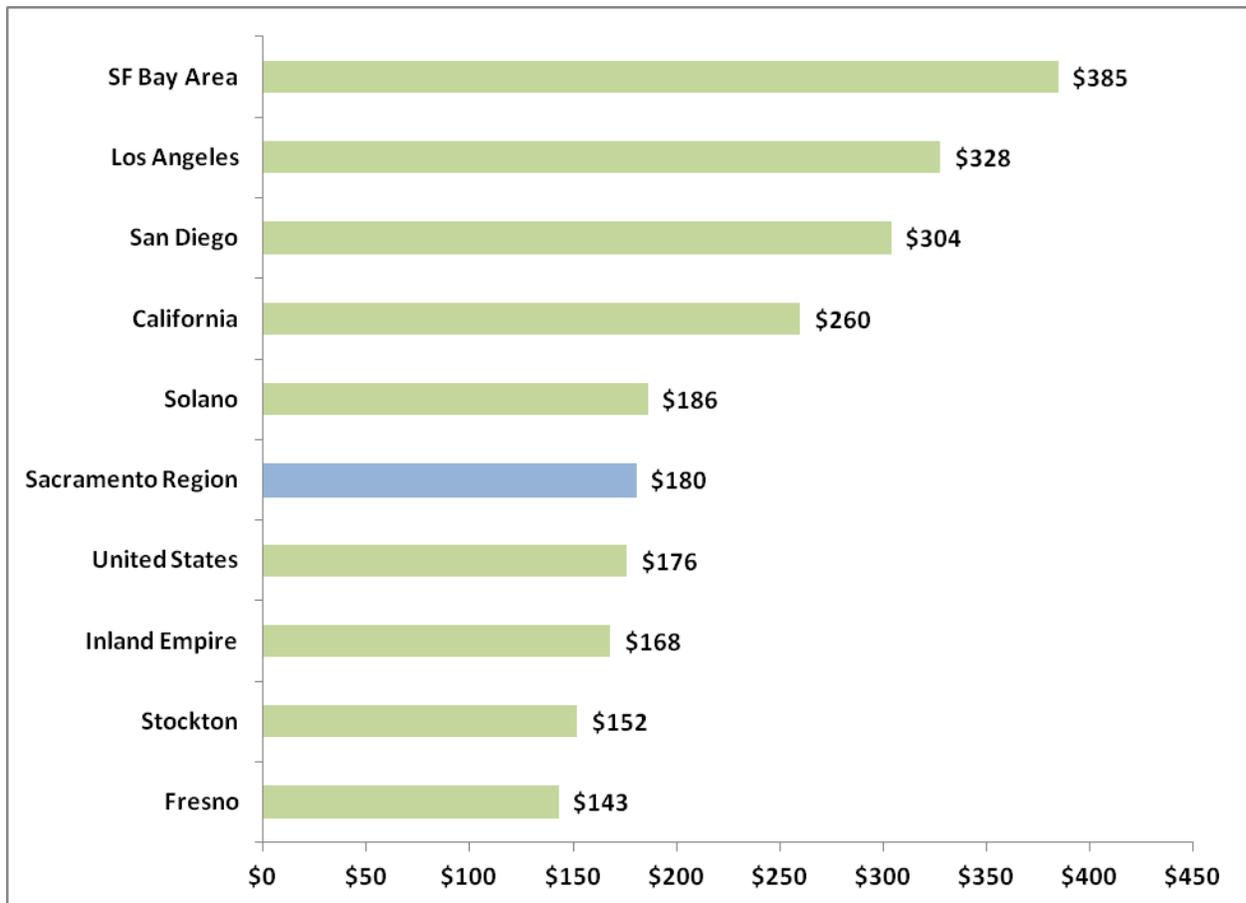
MEDIAN PRICE AND HOUSING OPPORTUNITY INDEX

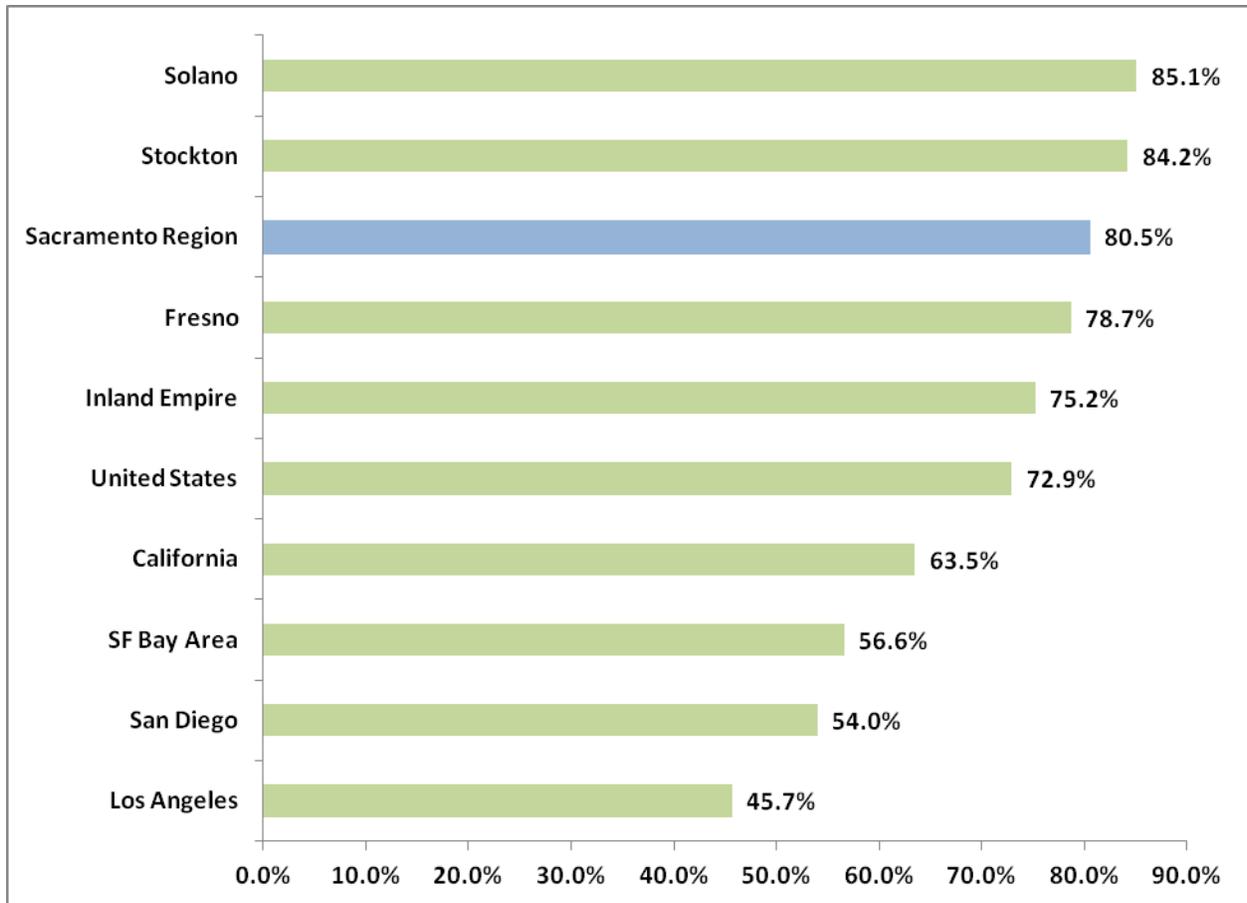
Region	Q3 2011
<i>Median Price (in thousands)</i>	
Fresno	\$143
Stockton	\$152
Inland Empire	\$168
United States	\$176
Sacramento Region	\$180
Solano	\$186
California	\$260
San Diego	\$304
Los Angeles	\$328
SF Bay Area	\$385
<i>Housing Opportunity Index</i>	
Los Angeles	45.7%
San Diego	54.0%
SF Bay Area	56.6%
California	63.5%

United States	72.9%
Inland Empire	75.2%
Fresno	78.7%
Sacramento Region	80.5%
Stockton	84.2%
Solano	85.1%

Center for Strategic Economic Research, January 2012  
 Data Source: National Association of Home Builders--Wells Fargo Housing Opportunity Index

Note: Housing Opportunity Index reflects the share of homes sold during the represented quarter that would have been affordable to a family earning the median income.





The simple fact is that the GSR is an ideal location for the USPTO to recruit and retain a highly competent workforce. Compensation levels and the cost of living within the GSR are comparatively lower than California’s major coastal urban areas. The overall business and living costs in the GSR are the lowest of the five largest metropolitan regions in the state. USPTO management and staff will enjoy a median home price that is 27 percent less than Los Angeles, 40 percent less than San Diego, and roughly half that of the San Francisco Bay Area. This has been a major recruiting asset for UC Davis and UC Davis Health System during its recent rapid expansion, recruiting hundreds of faculty members and researchers from around the world in the life science fields. That is also why California’s state government in Sacramento has no difficulty in recruiting and retaining hundreds of thousands of highly qualified public sector workers.

### **Improve Recruitment of Patent Examiners**

USPTO is regularly seeking applicants for patent examiners in a variety of scientific and technical fields, including various branches of engineering, computer science, biological and biomedical sciences, pharmacology, chemistry, among others. As demonstrated below in the second on “Availability of Scientific and Technically Knowledgeable Personnel in the Region,” Sacramento has, by virtue of being part of the Northern California Megaregion, convenient

access to recruiting the tens of thousands of graduates annually from Northern California universities and colleges with degrees in each of the disciplines mentioned above. Just in the area of engineering alone, the NCM produces 5,000 graduates annually. Thousands more receive degrees in life and bio sciences, computer science, pharmacy, physics and chemistry.

Equally important, for the reasons noted above regarding retention of employees within the GSR, recruitment of patent examiners will be improved by locating USPTO's satellite office in Sacramento. While getting the benefit of close proximity to one of the country's leading centers for patent generation and innovation, as well as the benefit of close proximity to a set of universities and colleges that focus on engineering, bio and life sciences and computer sciences, the GSR can boast a comparatively low cost of housing and living that makes the GSR an ideal location for government employment.

In addition to proximity to innovators and the sciences, it should not be lost on the USPTO that the GSR is proximally located to some of the nation's most beautiful outdoor destinations – including the Lake Tahoe area, Yosemite, the Sierra's of Northern California, the beauty of the Napa Valley, the coastal regions both north and south of San Francisco. We have easy access to water skiing, snow skiing and snow-boarding, hiking, bicycling, fishing, hunting and other outdoor activities. With the recent addition of the Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts on the UC Davis campus to the cultural and entertainment venues in San Francisco and throughout the Bay Area, residents of the GSR get the dual benefit of comparatively low cost housing and living combined with access to world-class leisure, culture and entertainment. Sacramentans live the California dream at reasonable cost.

### **Decrease Number of Patent Applications Waiting for Examination**

The institutions of higher education in the GSR stand ready to assist the USPTO meet its program goals, including decreasing the number of patent applications waiting for examination. In addition to providing a continuing stream of graduates educated in relevant science, engineering and legal fields, there are opportunities for direct support and collaboration through faculty-supervised student internships. One thousand engineering students graduate from universities and colleges in the immediate Sacramento area, and that number expands five-fold when universities within the broader NCM are considered. The two major law schools in the immediate Sacramento area – University of California Davis and University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law – have concentrations in intellectual property and produce between 25 and 30 graduates each year with expertise and interest in intellectual property and patent. The Sacramento area institutions of higher education look forward to providing support for USPTO's programs and opportunities for our students and our graduates.

### **Improve the Quality of Patent Examination**

Improving the quality of patent examination depends upon a number of critical factors, including the ability to recruit and retain highly qualified and motivated examiners, the creation of assessment mechanisms and feedback loops so that patent examiners can routinely engage in quality improvement, and frequent, targeted training that not only prepares a novice examiner for the basics, but is available even for experienced examiners so they may sharpen and improve their skills.

As demonstrated below, the GSR and NCM are home to a large and incredibly talented workforce with expertise in the sciences, engineering, agriculture, information technology, biological and life sciences and related fields. Over five thousand new graduates in engineering alone pour forth every year from the NCM's schools of higher education.

In addition to a large cluster of consultants to state and federal government agencies in the NCM which are available to assist in designing and implementing general quality improvement programs, the Institute for Administrative Justice ("IAJ") at the University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law is unique in its programs which provide training to government hearing officers and in conducting hearings itself to assist government agencies meet productively targets. IAJ has gained national recognition as a leading expert on administrative hearing practices and dispute resolution. Since 1972, it has provided services to over 45 federal, state and local agencies, including the U.S. Army, Social Security Administration, California Department of Education and California Board of Prison Terms. In addition to mediation and administrative hearing services, the IAJ provides hearing officer training and consults on all aspects of administrative adjudication, including the design of hearing procedures and hearing management systems.

### **Availability of Scientific and Technically Knowledgeable Personnel in the Region**

The NCM is home to literally hundreds of thousands of scientific and technically knowledgeable personnel. The evidence for this lies in the high concentration of patent filings that originate from this megaregion, the presence of multiple leading universities (including Stanford, the University of California campuses at Berkeley and Davis, Santa Clara University, the University of the Pacific, and California State University at Sacramento, among others) which produce thousands of engineering and law graduates, and the concentration of nationally prominent intellectual property and patent attorneys in the area.

The best indicator for the future regarding the ready availability of scientific and technically knowledgeable personnel in the region comes from data showing the number of graduates with engineering degrees. Within the NCM, there are literally thousands of engineering graduates who receive their degrees every year. For the year 2009, for example, the number of engineering graduates by institution was as follows: UC Berkeley (1,337); UC Davis (595); UC Merced (35); Stanford (1,103); Santa Clara University (218); University of the Pacific (84); California State University Sacramento (291); and San Jose State University (1,327). This represents a total of almost 5,000 new engineering graduates per year for the NCM.

R&D activities in the region are substantial, particularly in Engineering. UC Davis, with locations in Davis, Sacramento and the Bay Area, reports over \$87 Million annual research expenditures in 2009-10. The College of Engineering is consistently ranked among the Top 20 U.S. public university engineering programs (U.S. News and World Report 2011), with key research strengths in energy, environment and sustainability, engineering in medicine, and information technology and applications. The region is well known for its entrepreneurial activities in start-up companies. The American Society for Engineering Education ("ASEE") shows UC Berkeley with \$183,310,000 in research expenditures and UC Santa Cruz with \$26,999,350, all within easy access to Sacramento.

The Greater Sacramento-Bay Area region is a leader in broader areas of science as well, including biomedical, agriculture, STEM, and social and behavior sciences. According to the National Science Foundation Division of Science Resources, Statistics, HERD survey, U.C. San Francisco ranks second in R&D expenditures with \$885 Million in FY08, Stanford ranked #12 with \$688 Million, UC Davis ranked #16 with \$643 Million and UC Berkeley ranked #18 with \$592 Million and all have grown their research portfolios in the last three years.

As the government head of the state of California, Sacramento is also a prime area for legal profession talent with excellent law schools and business management schools located in Sacramento or in proximity to Sacramento. These institutions and the professionals that graduate from these schools in the Sacramento and Bay area understand and compliment the scientific and technology transfer activities of this entrepreneurial region.

There is no shortage of scientifically and technically knowledgeable personnel in the NCM.

**Economic Impact to the Region**

The Greater Sacramento Region has been hit particularly hard by the housing and economic downturn. This presents the USPTO with an opportunity because the downturn not only means there is an oversupply of competent workers ready to be hired, but it also means that commercial space is available at historically low rates. Office vacancies are at historic highs, and now is the best time in decades for government to secure long-term leases at highly favorable rates.

There are Class A buildings in the Sacramento downtown area and throughout the region that are vacant and ready for virtually immediate occupancy. Selecting Sacramento for a USPTO satellite office will benefit not only the USPTO, but also significantly boost the local economy. The following tables show comparative lease rates for office and general warehouse space in Sacramento and around California and the west coast. Sacramento office space is much less expensive than comparable space in San Francisco, Los Angeles or San Diego.

**OFFICE MARKET COMPARISON AREAS, Q3 2011**

<i>Type</i>	<i>Total Vacancy Rate</i>	<i>Average Asking Rent (Class A)</i>
Sacramento	21.9%	\$2.00
Inland Empire	23.8%	\$1.92
Portland, OR	14.1%	\$1.93
Orange County	18.3%	\$2.17
East Bay (880/80)	16.3%	\$2.29
East Bay (680)	19.7%	\$2.29
Seattle, WA	15.7%	\$2.71
Los Angeles Area	16.6%	\$2.94
San Francisco Peninsula	15.2%	\$3.04
San Francisco (CBD and non-CBD)	14.9%	\$3.38

Center for Strategic Economic Research, January 2012

Data Source: Grubb and Ellis, Third Quarter 2011 Market Reports

Note: Asking rents are full service where all costs of operation are paid for by the landlord up to a base year or expense stop.

## INDUSTRIAL MARKET COMPARISON AREAS, Q3 2011

<i>Type</i>	<i>Total Vacancy Rate</i>	<i>Average Asking Rate (Warehouse/ Distribution)</i>
Sacramento	13.3%	\$0.30
Inland Empire	6.6%	\$0.32
East Bay Industrial	7.9%	\$0.38
Portland, OR	8.4%	\$0.41
Seattle, WA	10.0%	\$0.46
Los Angeles Area	3.1%	\$0.47
Orange County	5.3%	\$0.51

Center for Strategic Economic Research, January 2012

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Note Asking rate is triple net where all costs, such as real estate taxes and insurance, are borne by the tenant on a pro rata basis.

The economic downturn has also caused unemployment to rise significantly in the GSR. Many of those layoffs have occurred in the public sector, which is still in the process of downsizing as California's state government grapples with a persistent budget deficit. As a consequence, there are a high number of highly qualified workers who would be available for recruitment purposes, and there is no question but that the GSR would greatly benefit from location of a USPTO satellite office within the area.

## ANNUAL LABOR FORCE AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Area	2000	2005	2010	Absolute Change		% Change	
				2000-2010	2005-2010	2000-2010	2005-2010
<b>California</b>							
Civilian Labor Force	16,857,600	17,544,800	18,176,200	1,318,600	631,400	7.8%	3.6%
Unemployment Rate	4.9%	5.4%	12.4%	7.5%	7.0%		
<b>Sacramento Region</b>							
Civilian Labor Force	971,400	1,079,700	1,111,000	139,600	31,300	14.4%	2.9%
Unemployment Rate	4.6%	5.2%	13.0%	8.4%	7.8%		
<b>El Dorado County</b>							
Civilian Labor Force	82,200	91,200	90,800	8,600	-400	10.5%	-0.4%
Unemployment Rate	4.1%	4.8%	12.6%	8.5%	7.8%		
<b>Placer County</b>							
Civilian Labor Force	132,100	164,600	177,100	45,000	12,500	34.1%	7.6%
Unemployment Rate	3.6%	4.3%	11.5%	7.9%	7.1%		
<b>Sacramento County</b>							
Civilian Labor Force	608,800	665,600	674,900	66,100	9,300	10.9%	1.4%
Unemployment Rate	4.3%	5.0%	12.8%	8.5%	7.8%		
<b>Sutter County</b>							
Civilian Labor Force	37,900	40,100	42,100	4,200	2,000	11.1%	5.0%
Unemployment Rate	9.4%	9.7%	19.8%	10.4%	10.1%		
<b>Yolo County</b>							
Civilian Labor Force	86,200	92,500	98,000	11,800	5,500	13.7%	5.9%
Unemployment Rate	5.0%	5.6%	13.0%	7.9%	7.4%		
<b>Yuba County</b>							
Civilian Labor Force	24,300	25,700	28,100	3,800	2,400	15.6%	9.3%
Unemployment Rate	7.9%	9.1%	19.1%	11.2%	10.1%		

Center for Strategic Economic Research, December 2011

Data Source: California Employment Development Department

Notes: Differences due to rounding. Annual averages reflected in table.

### Conclusion

For all the reasons set forth above – local universities that are well positioned to aid in recruiting USPTO employees, affordable office space, affordable housing and great quality of life, and ease of travel to Bay Area and Western United States locations – we are confident that locating a satellite office of the USPTO in the Greater Sacramento Region will best advance all of the goals of the America Invests Act as well as the program goals of the USPTO, while bringing much needed economic activity to a particularly depressed area of California. We commit ourselves to working collaboratively and energetically with the USPTO to make your regional office a success.

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
Washington, DC 20515-0505

January 27, 2012

The Honorable John Bryson  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Ave., NW  
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**RE: Sacramento's candidacy as a Satellite Office of the  
US Patent and Trademark Office**

Dear Secretary Bryson:

I am writing to express my strong support for the Sacramento region to be selected as the home of the United States Patent & Trademark Office (USPTO)'s next satellite office.

The Sacramento region is an ideal location for a new USPTO satellite office and I strongly believe that both the USPTO and the Sacramento region would immensely benefit from such a selection. The region is home to an evolving economy that includes one of the most promising clean technology and medical technology sectors in the nation. Over the past three years, the total number of regional companies developing or manufacturing medical devices, diagnostics, drugs, and biological products in the region has increased over 40%. Additionally, Sacramento's ever-growing clean technology sector is comprised of over 37,000 jobs, the third highest concentration of clean economy jobs in the nation. These innovation-based industries are heavily dependent on the approval of new patents for economic growth.

The Sacramento region is also home to the University of California, Davis (UCD), a global leader in academic and innovative research. The UCD research budget ranked 11<sup>th</sup> in public university funding in 2009, according to the National Science Foundation, with their annual research funding exceeding \$684 million. A great deal of these research dollars create innovative start-up companies, especially in the technology, engineering and health care sectors, which in turn drives local economic growth. In 2010, UCD launched a Blue Ribbon Committee to Review Technology Transfer and Commercialization and this effort would be immensely supplemented by a USPTO satellite office in the region.

It is important that the USPTO be able to recruit patent examiners and that a strong workforce is retained at any new satellite office. Sacramento is home to the University of Pacific's McGeorge School of Law which has over 1,000 students enrolled in their programs each year. The UC Davis School of Law also has a very strong intellectual property program

and is home to the Center for Science and Innovation, which has a focus on patent and intellectual property issues. Furthermore, Sacramento's affordable cost of living, high quality of life, and stable workforce are sure to be attractive to the USPTO. The region has been hit hard by the economic recession, with major losses occurring in the construction and public sectors. A new satellite office will help the region diversify its economy and put it on stronger footing for future economic activities. The proximity to the state government will only further enhance these opportunities.

It will be important that the new satellite office connect and forge relationships between patent filers, innovators and the USPTO. Sacramento is centrally located in California, where high level of patent activity generated. The region is a short drive from the San Francisco Bay Area, there are 16 daily commuter trains that run between San Jose, the Bay Area and Sacramento, and there are 47 daily direct flights from Sacramento International Airport to Southern California.

Again, I am writing to strongly urge the United States Patent and Trademark Office to select the Sacramento region as the location of the next satellite office. I am confident that it will bring a great deal of benefits to the USPTO, innovators across the western United States, and to the Sacramento area. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions about how the USPTO can benefit from having an office in Sacramento.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress

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cc: Mr. David Kappos, Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property & Director of the USPTO  
Mr. Azam Khan, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Under Sectary and the Director, USPTO

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Dear Ms. Hayes:

Under the America Invents Act (AIA) the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) is tasked with the requirement to consider potential locations for future USPTO satellite offices. As this selection process is carried out, it is my hope that you will consider Sacramento as a site for one of the offices authorized by the AIA.

Sacramento is located in proximity to some of our nation's finest universities, and is accessible to both Silicon Valley, and Seattle by way of Sacramento International Airport. It would thus offer the USPTO with a vibrant collaborative environment that is ideal for the creation of intellectual property.

At the same time, the Sacramento region was disproportionately impacted by the recession and has lagged behind much of the country during the recovery. The location of a USPTO satellite office in Sacramento would contribute to the growth of knowledge-based jobs and improve the prospects for sustainable economic growth in our area.

Finally, the Sacramento region is an ideal location for USPTO employees. It is a wonderful place to live, with a high quality of life and a competitive cost of living. Thus, locating a satellite office in Sacramento would greatly enhance the ability of USPTO to attract and to retain skilled patent officers and other employees.

In short, locating a satellite office in Sacramento will provide benefits to both the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and to our community. As the USPTO gathers information on potential locations for USPTO satellite offices, I wish to offer my support for the City of Sacramento as an ideal site for one such office.

Sincerely,

  
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Ms. Barbara Hayes  
Executive Director  
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Dear Ms. Hayes:

I strongly support the placement of a regional office of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in Sacramento.

The Sacramento area, because it is proximate to, and easily reached from, the entire western United States, including the Seattle, Silicon Valley, and San Diego areas, will provide the USPTO the opportunity to enhance its interactions with inventors across this broad area, which is one of the most significant generators of intellectual property in the nation.

Moreover, a Sacramento location will enhance the USPTO's ability to attract and retain skilled patent officers, due to the area's highly competitive cost of living and high quality of life.

For the Sacramento region itself, the regional USPTO location will bring valuable knowledge-based job opportunities, spur the creation of associated high-skilled jobs, and help address the critical unemployment challenges that linger in the region despite the economic recovery underway elsewhere.

I am pleased to support this effort and look forward to the benefits that such a regional office will bring to the USPTO, to innovators across the western United States, and to the Sacramento area.

Sincerely,



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The Honorable John E. Bryson  
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Dear Secretary Bryson:

I strongly support the placement of a regional office of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in Sacramento, California.

The Sacramento metropolitan area is an affordable and central location, home to the University of California, Davis with its research expertise and forward-looking Graduate School of Management; state government agencies; and a growing number of technology firms. With a newly expanded international airport, Sacramento is easily reached from our most innovative areas of the West Coast including, Silicon Valley, the San Francisco Bay Area, San Diego and Seattle.

Because Northern California is home to some of the most significant generators of intellectual property in the nation, I believe access to a USPTO office in Sacramento will allow patent and trademark seekers with cutting edge innovations to spur economic development in a region that is severely challenged with the loss of public sector jobs. A regional USPTO will generate valuable knowledge-based job opportunities, encourage creation of associated high-skilled jobs and help address the critical unemployment challenges that linger in the region despite the economic recovery underway elsewhere.

For these reasons I am pleased to support this effort and look forward to the benefits that such a regional office will bring to the USPTO, to innovators across the western United States, and to the Sacramento area.

Sincerely,

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January 30, 2012

Ms. Barbara Hayes  
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Dear Ms. Hayes:

I write in strong support of placing a regional office of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in Sacramento.

The Sacramento region is ideally situated between innovation hubs across the western United States – from Seattle to San Diego – and offers close proximity to one of the most dynamic technology centers in the world, Silicon Valley. Indeed, with Silicon Valley leading the way, California is responsible for 25 percent of all patents granted in the United States (in 2010).

The Sacramento region's location, along with its highly skilled workforce and competitive cost of living, make it an ideal candidate to be the next regional patent office.

I look forward to the benefits that a regional office will bring to the Sacramento area and innovators across the western United States.

Sincerely,



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RE: PTO-C-2011-0066

Dear Director Kappos:

The California State Legislature is unified in our support for the establishment of a United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in California. On behalf of the members representing the Sacramento Region, I write to express our strong support for the location of the new USPTO satellite office to be located within the Sacramento Region.

The Sacramento Region produces the nation's top-ranked engineers, scientists, entrepreneurs, and lawyers from both our public and private universities including: UC Davis, CSU Sacramento, Pacific McGeorge School of Law, Los Rios Community College, Sierra Community College, Yuba Community College, National University, Drexel University, and University of Phoenix.

Both UC Davis School of Law and McGeorge School of Law are recognized nationally for their academic programs. UC Davis's Center for Science & Innovation Studies focuses its attention on the processes and practices of innovation and technology transfer, including patents. McGeorge's Capital Center for Public Law and Policy and its Institute for Administrative Justice are leaders in assessing administrative law programs and training hearing officers to preside over all manner of administrative hearings. Twenty-five to thirty students a year take Patent Law and Intellectual Property classes at each school.

UC Davis's College of Engineering is renown as one of the largest and most innovative engineering schools in California and is unique in that it established the state's first Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy Center where the primary goal is to accelerate the development and commercialization of energy efficiency technologies. The center has provided an exceptionally productive forum among government, industry, education, and non-profit organizations.

El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo, and Yuba counties make up the Sacramento Region where the relationships among business, community, state and local government leaders are closely intertwined and productive, leveraging the support of organizations such as: Sacramento Area Commerce and Trade Organization, Sacramento Area Regional Technology Alliance, Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of



Commerce, Northern California World Trade Center, Valley Vision, and the Sacramento Employment and Training Agency.

Despite the area's strong business influence, government assets, and higher educational opportunities, the Sacramento Region has one of the highest unemployment rates in the state (13%) and California has the nation's second highest unemployment rate (12.1%) in the nation. Compared to the proximate regions of the Bay Area and San Francisco's lower unemployment rates (7-8%), the Sacramento Region's economic forecast anticipates an increase in our unemployment rates of up to 13.3% through 2012. A new patent office would boost our economy, help support local businesses, and encourage new residents to enjoy our substantially low cost of living compared to the high-cost of living in the surrounding Bay Area.

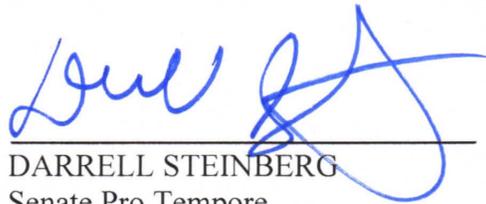
Public transportation and the newly expanded Sacramento International Airports easily accommodate our workers' commute within the region, as well as to greater metropolitan areas throughout California and the Western United States. As the state Capitol of California, Sacramento has more government and federal facilities for a patent office to collaborate with than any other geographic region in the state.

We believe a regional patent office could leverage the extremely high level of patent activity generated on the West Coast, and in California in particular, and at the same time benefit from Sacramento's affordable cost of living, high quality of life, and stable work force. We urge your favorable consideration in granting the Sacramento Region a satellite patent office.

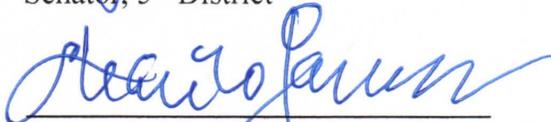
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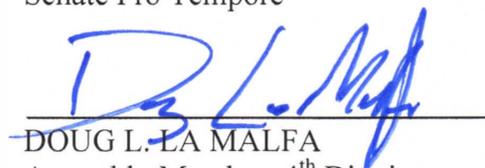
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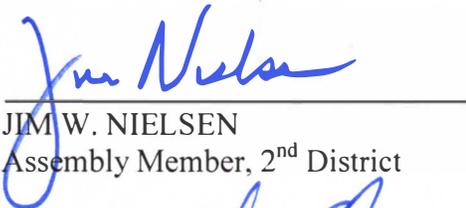
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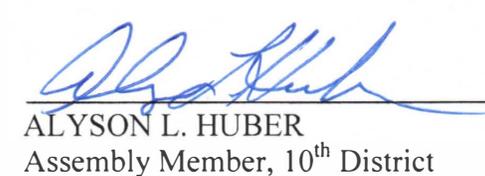
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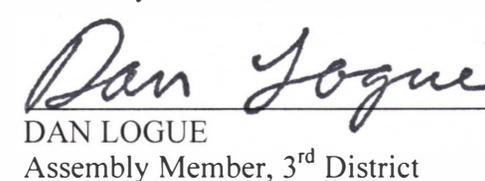
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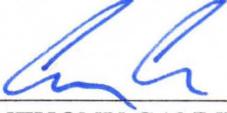
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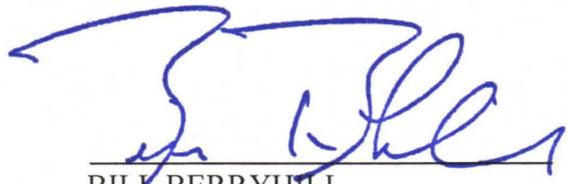
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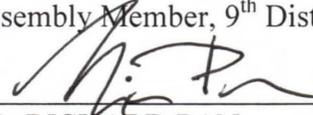
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January 30, 2012

Ms. Barbara Hayes  
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Dear Ms. Hayes:

University of the Pacific enthusiastically supports the placement of a regional office of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in Sacramento, California.

You have already heard from Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker, Dean of University of the Pacific's McGeorge School of Law, that McGeorge's faculty and students would be valuable resources to a new USPTO office, and that the office would provide significant opportunities for the law school's students and graduates. Faculty and students from other Pacific divisions are also eager to form relationships with a USPTO regional office. The University's School of Engineering and Computer Science, Eberhardt School of Business, School of International Studies, and numerous strong science programs are located in Stockton, just 45 minutes away.

Sacramento is an ideal location for a USPTO regional office for many reasons. Our Northern California region is a hotbed of innovation: one of the most significant generators of intellectual property in the U.S. The number of inventors in nearby Silicon Valley alone justifies bringing a USPTO office to California's capital city. What is more, Sacramento can also easily be reached from anywhere in the western United States.

Moreover, a Sacramento location will enhance the USPTO's ability to attract and retain skilled patent officers. Our housing costs are low; we enjoy upwards of 300 sunny days per year; and we are close to numerous national tourist destinations.

The past few years have been difficult on the Sacramento area's economy. Pacific prides itself on educating the brightest students in our region. It has been painful to see a number of them leave upon graduation, taking their knowledge and skills with them, simply because the jobs are elsewhere. A regional USPTO location in Sacramento would provide much-needed knowledge-based job opportunities for our highly-skilled workforce.

On behalf of University of the Pacific, I am pleased to support this effort.

Sincerely,



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Dear Ms. Hayes:

The University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law strongly supports the placement of a regional office of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in Sacramento.

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Pacific McGeorge is one of two ABA approved law schools in Sacramento region. It offers a strong intellectual property program which has great appeal for our law students. A regional office of the USPTO would benefit our students, the community and the proposed office itself by creating opportunities for students in our popular Intellectual Property Concentration to intern for academic credit or volunteer their services. We would also anticipate forging a close relationship between our IP faculty, students and the staff of the proposed office. We believe that UC Davis School of Law would join us welcoming such an office of the USPTO to the Sacramento region and would anticipate creating innovative programs with the office and both law schools, including clinical programs, externships and academic programs.

Moreover, a Sacramento location would enhance the USPTO's ability to attract and retain skilled patent officers, due to the area's highly competitive cost of living and high quality of life. Indeed, it has been our experience that law students recruited from other areas of California and the west often prefer to remain in Sacramento after graduation because of the positive community spirit, attractive life-style with many parks and recreational opportunities, and a relatively low cost of living.

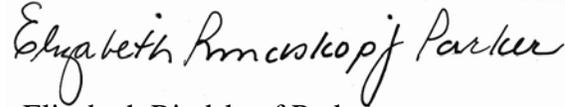
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significant generators of intellectual property in the nation.

On behalf of the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, I am pleased to support this effort and look forward to the benefits that such a regional office will bring to the USPTO, to innovators across the western United States, and to the Sacramento area.

With very best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "E".

Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker  
Dean



LINDA P.B. KATEHI  
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January 25, 2012

Ms. Barbara Hayes  
Executive Director  
Sacramento Area Commerce and Trade Organization  
400 Capitol Mall, Suite 2500  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Barbara:

I am writing to express UC Davis's strong support for the placement of a regional office of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in Sacramento. Ranked among the nation's top ten public universities by any number of measures, including for research funding and for its entrepreneurial leadership, UC Davis is a comprehensive research university with a significant and growing tech transfer and patent portfolio.

The Sacramento area, because it is proximate to, and easily reached from, the entire western United States, including the Seattle, Silicon Valley, and San Diego areas, will provide the USPTO the opportunity to enhance its interactions with inventors across this broad area, which is one of the most significant generators of intellectual property in the nation.

Moreover, a Sacramento location will enhance the USPTO's ability to attract and retain skilled patent officers, due to the area's highly competitive cost of living and high quality of life.

For the Sacramento region itself, the regional USPTO location will bring valuable knowledge-based job opportunities, spur the creation of associated high-skilled jobs, and help address the critical unemployment challenges that linger in the region despite the economic recovery underway elsewhere.

I am pleased that UC Davis is participating in a leadership role to support this effort and look forward to the benefits that such a regional office will bring to the USPTO, to innovators across the western United States, and to the Sacramento area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda".

Linda P.B. Katehi  
Chancellor



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January 27, 2012

Ms. Barbara Hayes  
Executive Director, SACTO  
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Dear Ms. Hayes:

On behalf of President Alexander Gonzalez and Provost Joseph Sheley, I am pleased to affirm that California State University, Sacramento strongly supports the placement of a regional office of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in Sacramento.

As you know from our many years of partnership, Sacramento State has a diverse student body of 27,000 and a focused, diverse group of dynamic faculty. Each year, our seven colleges award nearly 6,000 degrees to students across 58 undergraduate majors, 41 master's degrees, and two doctoral degrees. The University is vital to the Sacramento area, contributing nearly a billion dollars annually in addition to the workforce expansion of our graduates. A federally-designated emerging research institution, Sacramento State increasingly has new technologies and creations emerging from the labs and minds of the campus.

The Sacramento area is easily reached from the entire western United States, including the hubs of Seattle, Silicon Valley, and San Diego. This allows the USPTO to strengthen its interactions with inventors across this very broad and prolific area, one of the most significant generators of intellectual property in the nation. Critically, a Sacramento location will enhance the USPTO's ability to attract and retain skilled patent officers given our very competitive cost of living and high quality of life.

For the Sacramento region itself, the regional USPTO location will bring valuable knowledge-based job opportunities, spur the creation of associated high-skilled jobs, and help address the critical unemployment challenges that linger in the region despite the economic recovery underway elsewhere.

On behalf of Sacramento State, I am pleased to support this effort and look forward to the benefits that such a regional office will bring to the USPTO, to innovators across the western United States, and to the Sacramento area.

Sincerely,

David P. Earwicker  
Assistant Vice President  
Office of Research Administration



January 24, 2012

Ms. Barbara Hayes  
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Dear Ms. Hayes:

Los Rios Community College District strongly supports the placement of a regional office of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in Sacramento.

The Los Rios Community College District is a two-year public college system with more than 80,000 students enrolled its four colleges. We offer AA and AS degrees in more than 80 career fields and transfer thousands of students each year to four-year colleges and universities across the state and nation.

The Sacramento area, because it is proximate to, and easily reached from, the entire western United States, including the Seattle, Silicon Valley, and San Diego areas, will provide the USPTO the opportunity to enhance its interactions with inventors across this broad area, which is one of the most significant generators of intellectual property in the nation.

Moreover, a Sacramento location will enhance the USPTO's ability to attract and retain skilled patent officers, due to the area's highly competitive cost of living and high quality of life.

For the Sacramento region itself, the regional USPTO location will bring valuable knowledge-based job opportunities, spur the creation of associated high-skilled jobs, and help address the critical unemployment challenges that linger in the region despite the economic recovery underway elsewhere.

On behalf of Los Rios Community College District, I am pleased to support this effort and look forward to the benefits that such a regional office will bring to the USPTO, to innovators across the western United States, and to the Sacramento area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brice W. Harris". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "B" and a long, sweeping underline.

Brice W. Harris, Chancellor



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January 26, 2012

Ms. Barbara Hayes  
Executive Director  
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400 Capitol Mall, Suite 2500  
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Dear Ms. Hayes:

The Yuba Community College District (YCCD) strongly supports the placement of a regional office of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in Sacramento. YCCD is supportive of bringing in new entities to the region that will create the opportunity for new high skilled jobs, ones which our institutions of higher learning can train students to attain.

The Sacramento area, because it is proximate to, and easily reached from, the entire western United States, including the Seattle, Silicon Valley, and San Diego areas, will provide the USPTO the opportunity to enhance its interactions with inventors across this broad area, which is one of the most significant generators of intellectual property in the nation.

Moreover, a Sacramento location will enhance the USPTO's ability to attract and retain skilled patent officers, due to the area's highly competitive cost of living and high quality of life.

For the Sacramento region itself, the regional USPTO location will bring valuable knowledge-based job opportunities, spur the creation of associated high-skilled jobs, and help address the critical unemployment challenges that linger in the region despite the economic recovery underway elsewhere.

On behalf of YCCD, I am pleased to support this effort and look forward to the benefits that such a regional office will bring to the USPTO, to innovators across the western United States, and to the Sacramento area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adrian Lopez", with a large, sweeping flourish underneath.

Adrian Lopez  
Director of Public and Governmental Relations  
Yuba Community College District



January 23, 2012

Ms. Barbara Hayes  
Executive Director  
Sacramento Area Commerce and Trade Organization  
400 Capitol Mall, Suite 2500  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Site Selection for US Patent and Trademark Office**

Dear Ms. Hayes:

LEED strongly supports the placement of a regional office of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in Sacramento.

LEED (Linking Education and Economic Development) is the premiere employer-education partnership in the greater Sacramento region. LEED is the workforce development and education affiliate of the Sacramento Metro Chamber and our board of directors, comprised of employers from key industry segments and regional K-12, community college and university education leaders, serves as the Capital Area P-20 Council. LEED's role is to align education to advance regional economic objectives.

The Sacramento area, because it is proximate to, and easily reached from, the entire western United States, including the Seattle, Silicon Valley, and San Diego areas, will provide the USPTO the opportunity to enhance its interactions with inventors across this broad area, which is one of the most significant generators of intellectual property in the nation. Moreover, a Sacramento location will enhance the USPTO's ability to attract and retain skilled patent officers, due to the area's highly competitive cost of living and high quality of life.

For the Sacramento region itself, the regional USPTO location will bring valuable knowledge-based job opportunities, spur the creation of associated high-skilled jobs, and help address the critical unemployment challenges that linger in the region despite the economic recovery underway elsewhere.

One of our organization's objectives is to promote innovation and entrepreneurship among our region's young people, particularly in middle school and high school. Innovation and entrepreneurship were among the topics showcased to over 6,000 high school students who attended our recent CareerGPS event held at the California State Fairgrounds. CareerGPS is the largest event of its kind in California and an example of the coordination that exists among employers, K-12 education and post secondary institutions in our region to prepare young people to compete in the economy of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Hosting the Patent and Trademark Office in Sacramento will help underscore the critical importance of innovation and entrepreneurship to our youth.

On behalf of LEED, I am pleased to support this effort and look forward to the benefits that such a regional office will bring to the USPTO, to innovators across the western United States, and to the Sacramento area.

Sincerely,

David N. Butler  
CEO



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January 25, 2012

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Ms. Barbara Hayes  
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Dear Ms. Hayes:

The Sacramento Employment and Training Agency (SETA) strongly supports the placement of a regional office of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in Sacramento.

SETA is a joint powers agency that partners with the workforce community to serve regional employment needs. This includes development of regional plans for recruitment to build a dynamic workforce in the Sacramento region. SETA has a history of working collaboratively with other regional Workforce Investment Boards to identify qualified candidates to match unique employer needs. In this case, SETA can provide qualified candidates for positions in the new USPTO office.

The Sacramento area, because it is proximate to, and easily reached from, the entire western United States, including the Seattle, Silicon Valley, and San Diego areas, will provide the USPTO the opportunity to enhance its interactions with inventors across this broad area, which is one of the most significant generators of intellectual property in the nation.

Moreover, a Sacramento location will enhance the USPTO's ability to attract and retain skilled patent officers, due to the area's highly competitive cost of living and high quality of life.

For the Sacramento region itself, the regional USPTO location will bring valuable knowledge-based job opportunities, spur the creation of associated high-skilled jobs, and help address the critical unemployment challenges that linger in the region despite the economic recovery underway elsewhere.

A regional Patent Office would be a positive addition to the list of regional employers for the Sacramento area.

***“Preparing People for Success: in School, in Work, in Life”***

On behalf of SETA, I am pleased to support this effort and look forward to the benefits that such a regional office will bring to the USPTO, to innovators across the western United States, and to the Sacramento area.

Sincerely,

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Kathy Kossick  
Executive Director



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January 30, 2012

Ms. Barbara Hayes  
Executive Director  
Sacramento Area Commerce and Trade Organization  
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms. Hayes:

Valley Vision strongly supports the placement of a regional office of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in Sacramento.

Valley Vision is an independent nonprofit that serves the six-county Sacramento Region as an “action tank” dedicated to securing the social, environmental and economic health to the greater Sacramento region. We do this by uniting business, government and community leaders in effective coalitions and joint ventures that generate unique solutions to issues ranging from job creation and new investment to improved health care and food access for underserved populations.

The Sacramento area is proximate to Silicon Valley and the Bay Area, San Diego, Portland and Seattle, and will provide the USPTO the opportunity to enhance its interactions with inventors who are the most prolific generators of intellectual property in the nation across this broad geographic area.

Moreover, a Sacramento location will enhance the USPTO’s ability to attract and retain skilled patent officers, due to the area’s highly competitive cost of living and high quality of life.

For the Sacramento region itself, the regional USPTO location will bring valuable knowledge-based job opportunities, spur the creation of associated high-skilled jobs, and help address the critical unemployment challenges that linger in the region despite the economic recovery underway elsewhere.

On behalf of Valley Vision I am pleased to support this effort and look forward to the benefits that such a regional office will bring to the USPTO, to innovators across the western United States, and to the Sacramento area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Mueller". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "B" and "M".

Bill Mueller  
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January 26, 2012

Ms. Barbara Hayes  
Executive Director  
Sacramento Area Commerce and Trade Organization  
400 Capitol Mall, Suite 2500  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms. Hayes:

Solano EDC strongly supports the placement of a regional office of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in Sacramento.

The Solano Economic Development Corporation (Solano EDC) has provided leadership for economic growth in Solano County for 28 years. The EDC is a membership based organization with public and private members. This working partnership creates a collaborative organization focused on enhancing the economic vitality and quality of life of Solano County communities through attraction, growth and retention of business and industry.

The Sacramento area, because it is proximate to, and easily reached from, the entire western United States, including the Seattle, Silicon Valley, and San Diego areas, will provide the USPTO the opportunity to enhance its interactions with inventors across this broad area, which is one of the most significant generators of intellectual property in the nation.

The regional USPTO location will bring valuable knowledge-based job opportunities, spur the creation of associated high-skilled jobs, and help address the critical unemployment challenges that linger in the region despite the economic recovery underway elsewhere. Moreover, this location will enhance the USPTO's ability to attract and retain skilled patent officers due to the area's highly competitive cost of living and high quality of life.

On behalf of Solano EDC, I am pleased to support this effort and look forward to the benefits that such a regional office will bring to the region, the USPTO, and to innovators across the western United States.

Sincerely,

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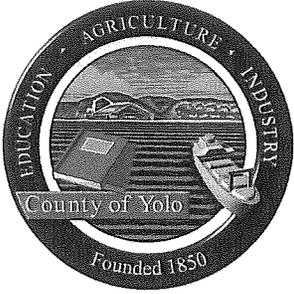
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January 26, 2012

Ms. Barbara Hayes  
Executive Director  
Sacramento Area Commerce and Trade Organization  
400 Capitol Mall, Suite 2500  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms. Hayes:

The County of Yolo strongly supports the placement of a regional office of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in Sacramento.

Located directly west of Sacramento, the County of Yolo is committed to balanced, sustainable, and quality growth while providing economic opportunity and a high quality of life for our citizens. Agricultural viability is at the top of our industry priority list, which also includes food processing, tourism, biotechnology, highway commercial development, and general manufacturing.

The Sacramento area, because it is proximate to, and easily reached from, the entire western United States, including the Seattle, Silicon Valley, and San Diego areas, will provide the USPTO the opportunity to enhance its interactions with inventors across this broad area, which is one of the most significant generators of intellectual property in the nation.

Moreover, a Sacramento location will enhance the USPTO's ability to attract and retain skilled patent officers, due to the area's highly competitive cost of living and high quality of life.

For the Sacramento region itself, the regional USPTO location will bring valuable knowledge-based job opportunities, spur the creation of associated high-skilled jobs, and help address the critical unemployment challenges that linger in the region despite the economic recovery underway elsewhere.

On behalf of the County of Yolo, I am pleased to support this effort and look forward to the benefits that such a regional office will bring to the USPTO, to innovators across the western United States, and to the Sacramento area.

Sincerely,

Patrick S. Blacklock  
County Administrator

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

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January 26, 2012

Ms. Barbara Hayes  
Executive Director  
Sacramento Area Commerce and Trade Organization  
400 Capitol Mall, Suite 2500  
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Dear Ms. Hayes:

The city of Davis strongly supports the placement of a regional office of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in Sacramento.

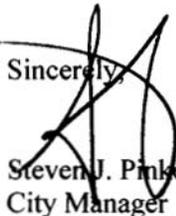
The city of Davis is home to the University of California, Davis. We have a proactive economic development effort and have focused energies to attract, retain and grow entrepreneurs, high tech companies and companies that specialize in green energy. Spin-offs from the university are also an important part of our overall economic strategy.

The Sacramento area, because it is proximate to, and easily reached from, the entire western United States, including the Seattle, Silicon Valley, and San Diego areas, will provide the USPTO the opportunity to enhance its interactions with inventors across this broad area, which is one of the most significant generators of intellectual property in the nation.

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For the Sacramento region itself, the regional USPTO location will bring valuable knowledge-based job opportunities, spur the creation of associated high-skilled jobs, and help address the critical unemployment challenges that linger in the region despite the economic recovery underway elsewhere.

On behalf of the city of Davis, I am pleased to support this effort and look forward to the benefits that such a regional office will bring to the USPTO, to innovators across the western United States, and to the Sacramento area.

Sincerely,  
  
Steven J. Pinkerton  
City Manager



January 26, 2012

Ms. Barbara Hayes  
Executive Director  
Sacramento Area Commerce and Trade Organization  
400 Capitol Mall, Suite 2500  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms. Hayes:

The City of Winters strongly supports the placement of a regional office of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in Sacramento.

The City of Winters, is a small agricultural community of long time traditions and values located in the southwest corner of Yolo County, just 30 miles west of Sacramento. The area is known for state of the art farming practices, including organic farming and a growing wine industry. Technology companies are expanding in the area with the attraction of being just off the I-80 corridor between the Bay Area and Sacramento and down the road from the much acclaimed University of California, Davis.

The Sacramento area, because it is proximate to, and easily reached from, the entire western United States, including the Seattle, Silicon Valley, and San Diego areas, will provide the USPTO the opportunity to enhance its interactions with inventors across this broad area, which is one of the most significant generators of intellectual property in the nation.

Moreover, a Sacramento location will enhance the USPTO's ability to attract and retain skilled patent officers, due to the area's highly competitive cost of living and high quality of life.

For the Sacramento region itself, the regional USPTO location will bring valuable knowledge-based job opportunities, spur the creation of associated high-skilled jobs, and help address the critical unemployment challenges that linger in the region despite the economic recovery underway elsewhere.

The City of Winters has been working hard to broaden its economic base. The location of a regional office in Sacramento will serve as an added attraction for cutting edge technologies to locate in Winters.

On behalf of the City of Winters, I am pleased to support this effort and look forward to the benefits that such a regional office will bring to the USPTO, to innovators across the western United States, and to the Sacramento area.

Sincerely,

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**County of Sacramento**

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January 27, 2012

Ms. Barbara Hayes  
Executive Director  
Sacramento Area Commerce and Trade Organization  
400 Capitol Mall, Suite 2500  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms. Hayes:

Sacramento County strongly supports the placement of a regional office of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in Sacramento.

The Sacramento area, because it is proximate to, and easily reached from, the entire western United States, including the Seattle, Silicon Valley, and San Diego areas, will provide the USPTO the opportunity to enhance its interactions with inventors across this broad area, which is one of the most significant generators of intellectual property in the nation. Moreover, a Sacramento location will enhance the USPTO's ability to attract and retain skilled patent officers, due to the area's highly competitive cost of living and high quality of life.

For the Sacramento region itself, the regional USPTO location will bring valuable knowledge-based job opportunities, spur the creation of associated high-skilled jobs, and help address the critical unemployment challenges that linger in the region despite the economic recovery underway elsewhere.

On behalf of Sacramento County and our economic development partners, I am pleased to support this effort and look forward to the benefits that such a regional office will bring to the USPTO, to innovators across the western United States, and to the Sacramento area.

Sincerely,

Troy Givans, Manager  
County of Sacramento  
Economic Development