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I am writing this email to present a case for locating a future satellite office of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the Silicon Valley area which is roughly speaking, the area including San Jose, CA northward to and including San Francisco Ca. Some of the many justifications for the location of a satellite Patent office located in Silicon Valley include the following:

1. Close proximity to world class research and engineering universities such as Stanford, UC Berkeley and San Jose State University.
2. Silicon Valley has the longstanding reputation worldwide as being the heart of innovation and creativity, where individuals and companies build, invent and patent their ideas on a daily basis.
3. Californians are granted a large proportion of the patents applied for in the U.S. For example in 2010, 30,080 U.S. patents out of the 121,179 were granted to California applicants in 2010.
4. Silicon Valley has convenient access to two major airports, San Francisco International and Minetta San Jose International.
5. Silicon Valley has a highly educated and skilled technical workforce available for recruitment to serve as technical consultants or patent examiners.
6. Silicon Valley has a great quality of life with high average household incomes, reasonable cost of living, a moderate climate and boundless recreational, sports, and cultural opportunities.

With such a high proportion of patent applications originating from California in general and Silicon Valley specifically, it just makes good common sense to locate the next satellite Patent and Trademark office in this area.

Regards, Sam Sawyer