Dear Sir or Madam:

This is just my personal opinion, not that of my firm. I believe that a satellite office should be established in the San Francisco Bay Area, within easy access to a subway station. There are a lot of venture capitalists located in the area, as well as innovators, companies, and universities. Having a satellite office in the area will enable the USPTO to recruit from the highly talented academic and industrial communities. An example of a location is West Oakland where the property value is relatively cheap for the area. There is a subway station there, as well as a post office close by. The subway system is connected all the way to San Francisco airport, and to cities such as Pleasanton, Dublin, and Fremont where a number of companies are located. It is just across the Bay Bridge from San Francisco and within easy driving distance to Berkeley. The Amtrak station in Emeryville is close by, and the Amtrak train goes to Sacramento, Davis and Stockton, etc., in the north and Palo Alto, etc., in the south.

With best regards,

Amy Collins