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This email is being sent for San Diego County District Attorney Bonnie Dumani s.

Mr. David Kappos
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Via email

Dear Mr. Kappos,

In response to your office's request for public comment concerning the placement of two satellite offices for the United States Patent and Trademark Office, I am writing to urge your office to choose San Diego, California for one such office.

Your office cited two broad purposes which should be served by the location of the satellite offices. First, the office should help to facilitate contact between patent filers and innovators and your office. Second, the satellite office should help the USPTO to recruit and retain patent examiners.

Each of these purposes will be well served by locating a satellite office in San Diego.

During the last few decades San Diego has emerged a national and international leader in the areas of high technology, medical technology, telecommunications, and clean tech, among others. The innovative companies in each of these areas require a speedy patent/trademark process in order to speed their products from drawing board to marketplace. Additionally, San Diego provides easy access to the entire Western region, as well as the Pacific Rim.

When it comes to recruiting and retaining patent examiners, a key function to clearing the existing backlog of patent applications, San Diego offers a quality of life that is, in my view and the view of most San Diegans, best in the world. Additionally, our numerous large educational institutions, including the University of California at San Diego (UCSD), the University of San Diego (USD), and San Diego State University (SDSU), among many others, will provide direct access to graduates with backgrounds in technology, medicine, and related fields of direct concern to your office.

I am pleased that your office has been in contact with San Diego's technology community on this subject, and strongly encourage you to choose San Diego for one of your two new satellite offices. Such a decision will serve your office well.

Sincerely,
Bonnie Dumani s
San Diego County District Attorney