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I am a retired engineer and manager, living in Mountain View, CA. I would like to raise my voice in support of a Patent Office presence in Silicon Valley, as proposed by my member of Congress, Anna G. Eshoo.

Although my degree is in Aeronautics and Astronautics (BS, MIT, 1968), I have spent my career in computer and telecommunications. I lived in Greater Boston for 30 years, where I worked on the Apollo guidance computer (MIT Instrumentation Lab), ultra high resolution satellite camera lens design (Itek), thermonuclear test data reduction (EG&G), optical pattern recognition systems (Information International), computer science (Harvard University, Brandeis University, and BB&N), and international telecommunications (Digital Equipment Corporation).

I moved to Silicon Valley in 1989, where I managed IT for Digital Equipment Corporation. I later moved to University of California, Berkeley, where I was an IT strategic planning consultant. I retired from the University of California in 2000.

My hobbies are all technology related - audio and video reproduction and recording, digital photography, and personal computers.

With a varied background in engineering and science, I naturally have an interest in the patent process and how it affects those of us involved with developing and applying science and technology.

I urge the USPTO to "follow the patents" and develop a presence here, where so many of today's patents originate. The sheer number of patents originating here - nearly one quarter of all US patents issued last year, I believe - indicates the value to the Office, and to our country, of such a presence. In my experience, only good things can come out of close physical proximity to a major source of an organization's work product - something that has not escaped the attention of the many foreign technology companies that have established presences here.

Best regards,

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