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Dear Mr. Khan:

Please consider Sunnyvale, California near the Sunnyvale Public Library as a location for a satellite USPTO office. This location is in the heart of the California high tech Silicon Valley.

The infrastructure currently exists for high speed, secure communications with the USPTO, which was installed as part of the only West Coast Partnership with the USPTO. This Partnership between the USPTO and the Sunnyvale Center for Innovations, Inventions, and Ideas at the Sunnyvale Public Library fostered communications between the USPTO and the inventor community in the Southwest and West Coast.

As a licensed patent attorney, I believe this location uniquely complies with the mandate of the AIA to seek regions that would best serve the interests of USPTO employees, the USPTO's user community, and America's patent and trademark system, while ensuring geographic diversity among the USPTO's offices.

The Sunnyvale community provides an available pool of potential patent examiners with broadly varied technical expertise and patent experience from having worked for the many high tech companies, which highly value patents and which are located in Sunnyvale. This is further evidenced both by the number of patent filings from this area and by the continued maintenance of a USPTO Patent and Trademark Depository Library at the Sunnyvale Public Library.

Sunnyvale has the best weather and is one of the lowest cost of living areas in the Silicon Valley area. It is located minutes from the engineering schools at Stanford, Santa Clara, San Jose State, and Berkeley (University of California) universities. It is also minutes from the San Jose International Airport and short distances from the San Francisco International Airport and the Oakland International Airport. Further, there is a strong public transportation system including buses, light rail, CalTrain, and BART up and down the corridor from San Francisco, Oakland, and San Jose, California, to Sunnyvale.

I have asked the Mayor of Sunnyvale and the Sunnyvale City Council to provide the numerical data as required by Docket Number PTO-C-2011 to support this request to locate a West Coast satellite USPTO office in Sunnyvale, California.

Respectfully submitted,
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