



CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REPORT OF CONFERENCE/MEETING ATTENDANCE

Name: Barbara Pierce Vendor No.: _____

Department: City Council Voucher No.: _____

Responsible Standing Committee: _____

Conference or meeting: State of the Valley 2007

Summary of conference or meeting: This conference presented by Joint Venture Silicon Valley introduced the index of Silicon Valley and featured panel discussions by local venture capitalists, CEO's, and keynote by Al Gore. The topics included what the 2007 index tells about Silicon Valley's future, what the role of the valley is in the global network of regions, and the potential of clean technology to be the next wave of innovation. The panels gave some good information which can be helpful to Redwood City as we work on ensuring our community's economic viability. The index highlights some areas of concern and success and can be used as data regarding health and recreation, land use planning, energy use and consumption to name a few.

The index can be shared by the departments.

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Signature of Council Member

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Date

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CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REPORT OF CONFERENCE/MEETING ATTENDANCE

Name: Rosanne Foust Vendor No.:

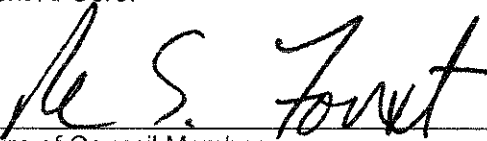
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Conference or meeting: _Joint Venture Silicon Valley Network Annual State of the Valley

Summary of conference or meeting:

This program is an annual event sponsored by JVSVN to release their state of Silicon Valley report. This year approximately 1,500 business, government and other interested individuals heard presentations on globalization, climate and global warming trends, new technologies and what new trends are heading towards our area. A very thorough economic overview was provided by Collaborative Economics and featured speakers included Eric Schmidt, CEO of Google, John Doerr, Venture Capitalist and former Vice President Al Gore.



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CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REPORT OF CONFERENCE/MEETING ATTENDANCE

Name: Diane Howard Vendor No.:

Department: City Council Voucher No.:

Responsible Standing Committee: _____

Conference or meeting: State of the Valley 2007

Summary of conference or meeting: On Friday, February 2, 2007, I attended a conference on the state of Silicon Valley as it relates to climate and global warming trends, globalization, new technologies and where they are heading in our communities. The speakers were excellent and included experts in science and leaders of the surrounding communities culminating with former Vice President Al Gore speaking on the climate crisis. I found the conference extremely helpful and enlightening and it was exciting to hear what other businesses and communities are doing to change the outcome of global warming. I look forward to bringing these ideas to our community.

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CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REPORT OF CONFERENCE/MEETING ATTENDANCE

Name: Alicia Aguirre

Vendor No.:

Department: City Council

Voucher No.:

Responsible Standing Committee: _____

Conference or meeting: State of the Valley 2007 Conference, Joint Venture Silicon Valley Network, February 2nd, 2007

Summary of conference or meeting:

I attended the 2007 State of the Valley Conference in San Jose that was presented by the Joint Venture Silicon Valley Network. In addition to the excellent speakers and panels, we were presented with the 2007 Index of Silicon Valley which is worth the price of entry alone.

The morning speakers gave us an overview of the 2007 Index and highlighted the report. Collaborative Economics in Silicon Valley is reinventing itself. There are 33,000 new jobs. Every single industry in Silicon Valley is growing. In the area of Innovation and Venture Capital Growth, Media and Entertainment grew 70% and Clean Technology by 26%.

Community Indicators: Civic Engagement and creativity are critical to our future. Thirty six percent of residents are born abroad. Forty eight speak a language other than English. Fifty five percent of foreign born are from India and China.


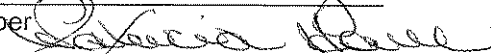
Other points made were that we have to have protected open space. Residential density-growing up, not out. Transit ridership has increases by 2%. Only 26% can afford housing. There is growth in non profits and the arts. Silicon Valley ranks first in IT and VC. Education is the key challenge particularly in Science.

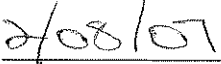
We also listened to a very interesting speech by Google CEO, Eric Schmidt. He posed some interesting questions. What happens when 1 billion more people get on line? What will they do? What happens when 1 billion people use cameras and videos from their phones to document life around them? What happens to personal privacy when everything is taped and on line? "Technology is not destiny", he said. Google is developing on demand language translators.

The other important topic discussed was Clean Technology and the new wave of innovation. The now famous term 'carbon neutral' was used and we were told that we are in the carbon neutral period. A few lines that I found interesting were: Only 8% of all solar installations are in the US. There are many geopolitical issues in the southern hemisphere. Green Opportunity is the mother of all markets. Clean up and Green Up our own house.

Finally, Al Gore spoke about why Silicon Valley will lead America to the new energy future.

I found all of the conference to be very interesting and have a greater understanding of the value of Silicon Valley to the rest of the world.


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