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## **San José Selected To Participate in Bloomberg Philanthropies’ “What Works Cities” Initiative**

*San José, Calif.* - Today, Bloomberg Philanthropies announced that San José is one of 13 new cities across the country that has been selected to participate in *What Works Cities* – one of the largest-ever philanthropic efforts to enhance the use of data and evidence in the public sector.

“I’d like to thank Bloomberg Philanthropies for their efforts to help us achieve our Smart City goals,” said Mayor Sam Liccardo. “In the coming months, we’ll be working closely with the Bloomberg Philanthropies team and their wide array of partners to explore ways that our city can become more efficient, reduce costs and improve services for San José residents.”

*What Works Cities* collaborates with participating municipalities to review their current use of data and evidence, understand where they are utilizing best practices and identify areas for growth. As part of this agreement, *What Works Cities* will help the City of San José:

1. Establish and improve open data practices in ways that will help improve city services, and
2. Develop the capacity to conduct low-cost real time evaluations of city programs that will provide the information needed to make adjustments and improve results.

This partnership between the City of San José and Bloomberg Properties grew out of Mayor Liccardo’s participation in the CityLab: Urban Solutions to Global Challenges conference that was held this past October.

For more information, please read Bloomberg Philanthropies national press release:  
<http://www.sanjoseca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/48460>