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Clean Tech Agenda Unanimously Adopted by City Council
Policy Initiatives Encourage Job Creation and Innovation

SAN JOSE – Today the San José City Council voted to approve the 2009-2010 San José Clean Tech Legislative Agenda, adopting a series of policy goals that will guide the City’s advocacy for the Clean Tech industry on federal, state, and local levels.

The Clean Tech Legislative Agenda encourages the enhancement of green collar workforce training, investment in innovation and manufacturing to trigger job creation, and the removal of impediments to consumer adoption of Clean Tech products. The policies outlined in the Agenda are designed to increase incentives to switch to clean energy while supporting economic growth and employment opportunities.

“Clean Tech businesses in Silicon Valley have the ability to swim against the national economic tide, bringing about innovation and job growth in an otherwise struggling private sector,” said Mayor Chuck Reed. “We must maintain a clear and open dialogue with Clean Tech businesses, ensuring that each level of government is adopting policies that allow the industry to expand while removing undue barriers.”

To develop the legislative agenda, San José Mayor Chuck Reed convened the second annual Clean Tech Legislative Summit, inviting representatives from Clean Tech businesses, financial institutions, elected officials, non-governmental organizations, and regulatory agencies. The Summit, which focused on energy policy, green mobility, and financing, was chaired by Mayor Reed, Assemblymember Anna Caballero, and President and CEO of the Silicon Valley Leadership Group, Carl Guardino.

In his annual State of the City Address delivered last month, Mayor Reed urged the City to focus on Clean Tech growth opportunities, pointing to numerous companies who have located and expanded in San José over the past couple of years. Encouraging investment in innovation, Mayor Reed stated that the Clean Tech industry has the potential to drive the economy forward through these difficult times.

Mayor Reed launched the San José Green Vision on October 5, 2007, setting ten ambitious goals for environmental protection and economic development over the next 15 years. One of the Green Vision goals is for San José to “create 25,000 Clean Tech jobs as the World Center of Clean Tech Innovation.”

The first annual Clean Tech Legislative Summit took place on December 21, 2007, focusing mainly on Solar Technology. The resulting 2008-2009 San José Clean Tech Legislative Agenda successfully advocated for the extension of federal renewable energy tax credits and encouraged the adoption of AB2466, granting municipalities the ability to receive a bill credit for renewable electricity supplied to the electric grid.

[Click here](#) for a copy of the 2009-2010 San José Clean Tech Legislative Agenda.

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