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## **San Jose City Council Recognizes Aspect Communications Corp.** *San José initiative recognizes local businesses that drive the economy*

*San José, CA* – At the February 15 San Jose City Council meeting, Mayor Ron Gonzales and Councilmember Chuck Reed presented a commendation to Gary Barnett, President and Chief Executive Officer, of Aspect Communications Corporation in recognition of the company's contributions to the San Jose economy and support for local non-profit organizations.

Aspect Communications Corporation, founded in San Jose in 1985, is a global leader in developing innovative communications and software solutions for businesses throughout the world. Aspect integrates applications that drive customer communications, customer contact center information and workforce productivity. Aspect's customers include two-thirds of the global *Fortune* 50 and companies across many industries, including telecommunications, commercial banks and airlines. The company has received numerous industry recognition awards for developing products that enhance communications with customers.

Contributing to the community where Aspect employees live and work is part of the corporate mission. Aspect and its employees support numerous non-profit organizations, educational programs and the arts in San Jose and Santa Clara County. The company provides a matching gift of up to \$5,000 for each employees' charitable giving and provides up to 40-hours of paid leave for employees volunteering time with local schools and non-profit organizations.

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“Aspect is well known for its leadership position in designing innovative communications systems, but also has an impressive history of community involvement through their support of numerous organizations in San Jose and Santa Clara County, “ said Mayor Gonzales. The Mayor added, “I’m pleased to join the City Council today in recognizing an important contributor to our economy and congratulate Aspect on their 20<sup>th</sup> year in San Jose.”

The commendation presented by the Mayor and City Council is a part of San José's Business Appreciation Initiative, a key component of the City's Economic Development Strategy and "Getting Families Back to Work" effort. This business-retention effort recognizes San José companies that meet at least one of the following criteria: fast-growth, significant sales tax generator, large employer (more than 1,000 employees), or publicly traded company headquartered in San José.

For more information on the City of San José's Economic Development Strategy, visit <http://www.sjeconomy.com>.

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