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San Jose City Council Recognizes Capitol Honda of the United Auto Group

San José initiative recognizes local businesses that drive the economy

San José, CA – At the June 21 San Jose City Council meeting, Mayor Ron Gonzales and Councilmember Ken Yeager presented a commendation to Mr. Russell Hill, Area Vice President of Capitol Honda of the United Auto Group, in recognition of the company’s contributions to the San Jose economy and support of local schools.

Capitol Honda, founded in San Jose in 1993, is the second largest Honda dealership in the country, and a member of the United Auto Group, a NYSE-listed, Fortune 500 Company that has had 24 consecutive quarters of record results. The United Auto Group operates 149 franchises in the United States and 100 franchises internationally selling new and used vehicles and a complete line of aftermarket automotive products and services.

Contributing to the community where Capitol Honda’s customers live is part of their corporate mission. Capitol Honda identifies themselves as a “San José” company that is rooted in the community and operates a fund raising campaign called “United Auto for Kids”, that allows every buyer to identify the public school district of their choice to which a portion of each vehicle’s purchase price is donated, directly benefiting our children and our teachers.

Capitol Honda is an outstanding model for success that benefits the entire community by providing almost 200 excellent jobs with good wages, that celebrates and rewards employee teamwork, and has done more than it's part to keep families working.

“Capitol Honda not only supports our economy and community through jobs and tax revenues but also assists our students and teachers through its campaign to raise funds for schools,” 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 Capitol Honda on their extraordinary success.”

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, 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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