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**SAN JOSE CONTINUES TO “MOVE AT THE SPEED OF BUSINESS”
BY ADDING NEW DEVELOPMENT SERVICES PROJECT MANAGER**

*Innovative inter-departmental development role to be companies’ main
point-of-contact for all phases of development process*

SAN JOSE, CALIF., September 17, 2010—The City of San Jose announced that Lee Butler has been appointed to the newly created position of development services project manager. In this new role, Butler will be assigned to high-profile, driving industry projects, and will be the main point-of-contact throughout the life of a project– from initial zoning requirements all the way to occupancy.

“We have to work at the speed of business so that Silicon Valley companies can stay here and grow here. We’ve hired a project expeditor that will help meet the timelines of companies that expand in San Jose,” said Mayor Chuck Reed.

This new position is a pilot program for an initial one-year term and was the collaborative genesis among the a variety of City departments,

including Planning, Building and Code Enforcement; the Office of Economic Development; Public Works and Fire. The position complements a recent expansion of San Jose's capacity to support the timelines of growing companies through an Express Plan Review which provides enhanced services to allow larger and more complicated projects to qualify for express services—enabling the issuance of permits within hours of completed applications being submitted for city review.

Butler will help elevate efficient and quick decision-making, and provide customized services and timelines to suit the needs of a specific project. For the developer, he will provide guidance and assistance to companies desiring to invest in San Jose by working with a variety of City departments to ensure predictability and prompt issue resolution.

Butler, a veteran City of San Jose urban planner with deep experience in expediting projects, will work with the existing technical managers in the development services divisions of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement, Public Works, and Fire to ensure that project schedules are well defined and met, and inter-departmental functions are streamlined.

In Butler's previous role, he served for a decade as a planner in the City of San Jose Department of Planning, Building, & Code Enforcement, where he worked directly with developers, was in charge of development review and was a lead within the strategic work team overseeing Envision San Jose 2040, an update to San Jose's General Plan.

Butler is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners, the American Planning Association's professional institute, providing recognized leadership nationwide in the certification of professional

planners, ethics, professional development, planning education, and the standards of planning practice. He also is a LEED accredited professional by the U.S. Green Building Council. Butler received his bachelor of arts in environmental sciences from the University of Virginia.

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The City of San Jose's Office of Economic Development (OED), part of the San Jose Office of the City Manager, is committed to a vital, competitive San Jose economy that increases prosperity for people and companies and enhances City revenues. The Office guides the City's economic strategy, provides assistance for business success, helps connect employers with trained workers, and provides art and cultural resources to our community. For more information, please visit, www.sjeconomy.com.

ABOUT THE CITY OF SAN JOSE

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