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## **San Jose Gets All Wired Up in Bid to be Google Broadband Fiber Project Community**

*Three days remain to nomination deadline on March 26 as City asks, "Got Gig?"*

SAN JOSE, Calif. (Mar 23, 2010) – Google is looking for communities to test ultra-high speed broadband networks across the country. To help make this happen in San Jose, the City is asking its business and residents to nominate Northern California’s largest city as the test site for this historical project.

Seen as a major coup for the winning community, the network would deliver Internet speeds more than 100 times faster than what most Americans have access to today, over 1 gigabit per second, and would present new opportunities for residents and businesses alike—by helping to attract businesses and jobs to San Jose, enhancing the quality of life for the City’s citizens and improving San Jose schools, health care system and government agencies.

“San Jose is the ideal place for Google to demonstrate its broadband fiber network,” said San Jose Mayor Chuck Reed. “No other city can match our concentration of cutting-edge companies, vast technological expertise, internet-savvy residents and global diversity. San Jose businesses and residents are in a unique position to use this bandwidth to support new innovations, grow our economy and change the way we lead our everyday lives,” said Mayor Reed.

San Jose’s business and residential population represents nationalities and ethnicities from throughout the world and is one of few American cities that would offer Google input on their project from so many diverse people.

The City has assembled a multi-department working group to address the application. Google’s vision of a fiber-to-the-home network with open access is inline with the City’s hope to connect every home and business in San Jose with a fiber broadband network.

### **San Jose Asks, “Got Gig?”**

To make sure San Jose is a top contender for the Google broadband fiber project, the City is reaching out to residents and businesses to nominate the City for the project.

Community nominations may be submitted

here: <http://www.google.com/appserve/fiberrfi/public/options>

Google has requested that nominations be creative and inspirational, and has suggested the following to include submissions:

- create a YouTube video
- compose a song
- paint a picture
- write some code
- or in any way create something to help promote San Jose as the model community for Google’s Fiber Experiment with your nomination.

To help with those who might need some inspiration to get started, San Jose has created a variety of animated and visual pieces, using the tagline “Got Gig?,” to include with submissions. These inspirational images may be found at

<http://www.sanjoseca.gov/getwiredup.asp>

“San Jose has some of the most creative minds in the world. I hope the whole community will join our effort to put San Jose at the top of Google’s list for consideration,” said Mayor Reed.

### **About the City of San Jose:**

From its founding in 1777 as California's first city, San Jose has been a leader, driven by its spirit of innovation. Today, San Jose stands as the largest city in Northern California and the Capital of Silicon Valley—the world's leading center of innovation. The city, the 10<sup>th</sup> largest in the U.S., is committed to remaining a top-ranked place to do business, work, live, play and learn. For more information, visit, [www.sanjoseca.gov](http://www.sanjoseca.gov).

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