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San Jose and Dublin Celebrate 23 Years of Sister City Relationship

Established in 1986, the San Jose & Dublin Sister City Program, known as “twinning” in Ireland, has thrived throughout its 23-year existence serving to nurture cultural, economic, artistic, sporting, and educational ties between San Jose/Silicon Valley and Dublin.

7:30 a.m., Friday, March 6

WHAT: *Welcome Breakfast*

WHERE: Capital Club
50 W. San Fernando Street, 17th Floor, San Jose

WHO: Program to include:

- Mayor Chuck Reed
- Dublin Lord Mayor Eibhlin Byrne
- San Jose City Councilmembers
- Dublin Delegation
- Program Emcee: Catherine Heenan, News Anchor, KRON-TV

10:00 a.m., Friday, March 6

WHAT: *City Hall Flag Raising Ceremony*

WHERE: San Jose City Hall Plaza
200 E. Santa Clara Street, San Jose

- WHO:** Ceremony to include:
- San Jose Mayor Chuck Reed
 - Dublin Lord Mayor Eibhlin Byrne
 - San Jose Police Department Color Guard
 - Student Choir from San Jose's St. John Vianney Catholic School

3 p.m., Friday, March 6

- WHAT:** **Sobrato House Youth Center**
- WHERE:** 496 South Third Street
San Jose
- WHO:** Dublin Delegation
Sobrato House Youth Center Staff
- WHY:** Dublin Lord Mayor Eibhlin Byrne has had a distinguished career in advocacy for a number of years. She is currently employed by the Daughters of Charity Child & Family Services as a senior manager with responsibility for 10 family centers in Dublin. The centers offer therapeutic and counseling services to children and their families. Previously, she was the head of Communication, Advocacy and Policy at Depaul Trust Senior Management Team, a homeless service – while serving as Chair of the National Council on Aging and Older People. She and the delegation are interested in learning more about how these types of services are delivered in the Silicon Valley.

12:30 p.m., Sunday, March 8

- WHAT:** ***23rd Annual Spirit of Ireland Award Luncheon***
- WHERE:** Fourth Street Summit Center
88 S. Fourth Street, San Jose, CA 95112
- WHO:** Program to Feature 2009 Award Recipient T. J. Rodgers,
Founder, Cypress Semiconductor
- WHY:** T.J. Rodgers is president and chief executive officer of Cypress Semiconductor Corporation, the company that he founded in 1982 and helped to build into a 6,000 employee, international supplier of high-performance, mixed-signal, programmable

solutions. Rodgers was instrumental in founding the company's Irish Design Center in Blackrock, Cork, in an effort to establish closer ties with one of the most significant pools of semiconductor design talent outside Silicon Valley. The center, which opened in 1998, is a part of Cypress' New Product Division. Over the years, Cypress' Irish design team has contributed to some of the company's most important products. Cypress recently named the Cork facility a center of excellence for its design work on phase locked loops, analog circuitry that is critical to a wide variety of end products.

2009 Dublin Sister City Delegation

- Lord Mayor of Dublin, Eibhlin Byrne
- Ken Byrne
- Councilor Anne Carter
- Councilor Mary O'Shea
- John Tierney, City Manager
- Sadie Tierney
- Hugh Fitzpatrick, City Council Senior Executive Officer
- Gina Quin, CEO, Dublin Chamber of Commerce
- P.J. Timmins, President, Dublin Chamber of Commerce
- Mairead O'Leary
- Siofra Timmins

About San Jose's Sister City Program

San Jose was among the first cities in the United States to establish a sister city affiliation. San Jose's sister city affiliation with Okayama, Japan, established on May 26, 1957, was the third sister city affiliation following the inception of the national Sister Cities program in 1956. San Jose has seven sister cities: Okayama, Japan (1957); San Jose, Costa Rica (1961); Veracruz, Mexico (1975); Tainan, Taiwan (1977); Dublin, Ireland (1986); Pune, India (1992); and Ekaterinburg, Russia (1992). Each sister city affiliation is part of San Jose's rich history and represents a bond between the city and people of San Jose with the city and people of our sister city.

About the City of San Jose's Office of Economic Development

The City of San Jose's Office of Economic Development (OED), part of the 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, sporting and cultural resources to our community. For more information, please visit, www.sjeconomy.com.

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 10th 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.

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