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San Jose and Dublin Celebrate 24 Years of Sister City Relationship

Established in 1986, the San Jose & Dublin Sister City Program, known as “twinning” in Ireland, has thrived throughout its 24-year existence serving to nurture cultural, economic, artistic, sporting, and educational ties between San Jose/Silicon Valley and Dublin.

6:30 p.m., Wed., March 3

WHAT: *San Jose Premiere of Academy Award Nominee Irish Film “The Secret of Kells”*
WHERE: Camera 12 Cinema
201 S. Second Street
San Jose
WHO: Lord Mayor Emer Costello
Jose-Dublin Sister City Delegation
San Jose City Councilmembers

7:30 a.m., Thursday, March 4

WHAT: *Welcome Breakfast*
WHERE: Capital Club
50 W. San Fernando Street, 17th Floor, San Jose
WHO: Program to include:

- San Jose Vice Mayor Judy Chirco
- Dublin Lord Mayor Emer Costello
- San Jose City Councilmembers
- Dublin Delegation
- Program Emcee: Catherine Heenan, News Anchor, KRON-TV

10:00 a.m., Thursday, March 5

- 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 Vice Mayor Judy Chirco
 - Dublin Lord Mayor Emer Costello
 - San Jose Police Department Color Guard
 - Student Choir from San Jose's St. John Vianney Catholic School

Noon, Friday, March 5

- WHAT:** **Dublin Tourism Luncheon**
WHERE: San Jose Museum of Art
110 S. Market Street
San Jose
WHO: Dublin Lord Mayor Emer Costello
San Jose-Dublin Delegation

6:30 p.m., Saturday, March 6

- WHAT:** *24th Annual Spirit of Ireland Award Dinner*
WHERE: Dolce Hayes Mansion
200 Edenvale Avenue
San Jose
WHO: Program to Feature 2010 Award Recipient Bob Hennessy, Founder and Executive Director, San Jose Conservation Corps and Charter School
San Jose Mayor Chuck Reed
Dublin Lord Mayor Emer Costello
San Jose-Dublin Sister City Delegation
Members of the San Jose City Council
More than 300 guests

2010 Dublin Sister City Delegation

- Lord Mayor of Dublin, Emer Costello
- Joseph Costello, TD, Teachta Dála (pronounced 'chock-ta dawla') is the Gaelic version for MP (Member of Parliament), National Irish Parliament
- Councillor Mannix Flynn
- Councillor John Lyons
- John Tierney, City Manager of Dublin
- Peter Finnegan, City Manager's Office
- Gina Quin, CEO, Dublin Chamber of Commerce
- Peter Brennan, President, Dublin Chamber of Commerce
- Miriam Kennedy, Dublin Tourism
- Marie Lawlor, The Convention Centre, Dublin
- Noel Crawford, IBM Ireland, Innovation Centre

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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