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San Jose to Debut First Public Art Project in the U.S. to Use Embedded Solar Technology

WHAT: San Jose City Councilmember Judy Chirco will highlight the debut of a new solar photovoltaic embedded glass art project that marries art, technology and solar power. The first installation of its kind in the U.S., this permanent public art project combines photovoltaic cells and art glass in an architectural application and further heightens awareness of the San Jose Green Vision.

WHO: The following will be present at the event:

- San Jose Councilmember Judy Chirco
- Jane Light, director, San Jose Public Library
- Barbara Goldstein, director, Public Art, Office of Cultural Affairs

WHEN: 2 p.m., December 15

WHERE: San Jose Public Library, Pearl Ave. Branch Library, 4270 Pearl Ave., San Jose

BACKGROUND:

San Jose, the nation's tenth largest city, has implemented San Jose's Green Vision, which sets 10 ambitious goals for environmental protection and economic development. Clean energy is a key component of the 15-year Green Vision, which envisions: Creating 25,000 Clean Tech jobs; Installing 100,000 solar roofs (1/10 of Gov. Schwarzenegger's 1 million solar roofs for California initiative); Reducing per capita electricity use by half; and Moving to 100 percent renewable energy. The San Jose Prize for Green Innovation was created to speed the advancement of clean technologies from the lab to the marketplace and help to further satisfy Green Vision goals.

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