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**PUBLIC BRAINSTORM SESSION FOR RENEWING SILICON VALLEY ECONOMY
SET FOR SUNDAY, JULY 13**

(San Jose, CA., June 29, 2003) -- Everyone knows the depth of Silicon Valley's economic suffering and extensive job loss. Now a volunteer group is launching efforts to get the Valley together thinking and talking about -- and ultimately developing -- new ways to drive the economy.

The public, elected officials and business executives are invited to a town hall brainstorming rally from 2-3 pm on Sunday, July 13, at the Palo Alto City Hall Plaza, 250 Hamilton Avenue.

Organizer Marcia Stein, a Human Resources professional, said, "We're focusing on ideas to nurture new businesses, create new jobs here in Silicon Valley, make Silicon Valley and California more business-friendly, and win a goodly portion of the federal technology contracts now being signed. We've got the business and technology talent right here to put people back to work. All we need are the opportunities and help from our elected officials. Many new companies are sprouting quietly and it's time to get some synergy and an idea of the potential scope."

Materials for writing and submitting ideas will be available at the session. Ms. Stein said, "We want to focus on specific, positive ideas for change and growth. We're looking at the big picture -- local, state and national changes."

Elected officials and business executives will be offered 3-minute speaking slots to share their ideas. Ms. Stein and her volunteers will read suggestions generated by attendees. Mayors of all Silicon Valley communities, Santa Clara and San Mateo County supervisors, state legislators, and U.S. representatives and senators are being invited to attend, along with key business leaders.

Ms. Stein said, "Our goal is to brainstorm and share ideas to stimulate the economy. We intend to work with our elected representatives to find workable solutions for economic recovery, and intend to form a team of respected business people to support this cause."

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