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Councilmember Pete Constant Unveils “Mobile City Hall” for Smartphones

San José, CA – Councilmember Pete Constant is holding a press conference to announce the launch of his new blight-busting iPhone App, *Mobile City Hall*, built by CitySourced. *Download Day* participants will download the iPhone application together after a demo from the Councilmember and CitySourced founder Jason Kiesel. They will then go out in teams to perform the District’s first resident-aided blight assessment and report back about the experience at 11:00.

“Crime and urban blight go hand in hand. As a former police officer, I know how important it is to respond quickly to problems in our community. *Mobile City Hall* will provide my residents with an easy way to report neighborhood blight. It will improve our response time, and save the taxpayers money,” explained Constant.

The *Mobile City Hall* application allows citizens to easily report problems such as graffiti, potholes, illegal dumping, illegal signage or abandoned cars. When a resident encounters a blight in the neighborhood, they simply launch the application, which prompts them to take a picture of the issue from their phone, answer a few short questions and then click “Submit Report.” The information is immediately sent to Constant’s office to be routed to the appropriate city department. The application captures the GPS location and address, which helps city staff pinpoint the problem and respond with the proper tools and equipment to handle the issue.

Event: Press Conference to announce Mobile City Hall iPhone App
When: Saturday, December 12, 2009, 9:30am - 11:30am
Where: West Community Policing Center: 3707 Williams Road San José
Who: Pete Constant San José City Councilman, District 1
Jason Kiesel, Founder and Chief Architect, CitySourced

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About CitySourced

CitySourced is a real time mobile civic engagement tool. CitySourced provides 1) a free, simple, and intuitive tool empowering citizens to identify civil issues (potholes, graffiti, trash, snow removal, etc.) and report them to city hall for quick resolution; 2) an opportunity for government to use technology to save money and be more accountable to those they govern; and 3) a positive, collaborative platform for real action. The platform is called CitySourced, as it empowers ordinary citizens to crowdsource solutions for common civil issues. CitySourced is powered by FreedomSpeaks, the leader in interactive civic engagement.

About Councilmember Pete Constant

San José Councilmember Pete Constant represents Council District 1, a region of West San José bordering Santa Clara, Saratoga, Cupertino and Campbell. He was elected to the City Council in June 2006 and took office in January of 2007. Councilmember Constant has focused on public safety, economic development, open government, and regional land planning. Prior to being elected to office, Councilmember Constant served for fourteen years in the San José police department.

About the City of San José

The City of San José is the third largest city in California and the 10th largest city in the United States, with a population of nearly 1 million and an annual budget of over 3 billion dollars. San José, the *Capital of the Silicon Valley*, is home to the largest concentration of technology expertise in the world with more than 6,600 technology companies. More information about the City of San José can be found at: www.sanjoseca.gov