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It is well recognized that Northern California and particularly the region of the San Francisco Bay Area commonly known as Silicon Valley has a longstanding reputation throughout the world as the heart of innovation and creativity in many areas including high technology and biotechnology.

Individuals and companies come here from around the world to develop, invent and patent their ideas.

With such a large percentage of all U.S. patents granted to Californians, it only makes sense that the USPTO have a presence in Silicon Valley.

So much of the U.S. technology economy is developed in this area that the USPTO should endeavor to make it as easy as possible to bring products to market with as little delay as possible. An office in Silicon Valley would go a log way toward achieving that goal.

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