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Locke Leaving Partnership for City of Stockton Post

Stockton, CA – Mike Locke, president & CEO of the San Joaquin Partnership since 1994, is resigning effective January 7, 2011 to join the City of Stockton’s executive team as Deputy City Manager beginning January 10th.

Under Locke’s leadership, the San Joaquin Partnership, a private, non-profit economic development organization, has attracted or retained nearly 340 companies to San Joaquin County, generating more than 56,000 jobs and \$10 billion in industry output.

Locke says his decision to leave the Partnership was difficult.

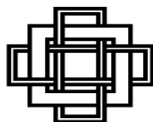
“I have been fully committed to this position and it has been rewarding work,” says Locke. “ My relationships with those that I have had the privilege to work with have made these past 16-plus years rewarding. Our success is due to the sum of the efforts of the Partnership’s Board of Directors, staff, our investors as well as both public and private leadership in our communities.”

Locke emphasizes that the continued commitment and support of the Partnership’s investors will remain critical to the economic development of San Joaquin County.

However, he adds that the overall economic recovery of San Joaquin County is crucially tied to renewed economic strength of the City of Stockton

“This position with the City of Stockton will afford me the opportunity to use my experience in economic development, city management and urban planning in the rebuilding of Stockton’s economy. The challenges are many, but not insurmountable.”

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Prior to joining the Partnership, Locke was Tracy City Manager for 21 years.

Partnership Chairman Kevin Huber congratulated Locke on his new position.

“The San Joaquin Partnership Board of Directors greatly appreciates Mike Locke's 16 plus years of leadership. Mike's experience makes him uniquely qualified for the position that the City of Stockton has hired him to do, and we wish him the best of luck in this new endeavor. San Joaquin County has seen significant benefit from the success of the Partnership, and that success is due to our committed investors, our Board of Directors and, in no small part, to Mike Locke's leadership.”

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