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Our Ongoing Commitment to Technology

We are in the midst of the Information Age. Information technology has evolved significantly beyond its initial design of automation and control that were predominate in the 1960's and early 1970's. What once took months to process by hand, or hours by early machines, now takes only moments. Technology has helped turn us into an instant society. Food, pictures, money, and information are all processed with speed and convenience as the primary drivers. In the previous decade, the communications industry was divided clearly into defined areas. Telephone companies provided phone service. Computer companies produced computers. Newspaper publishers printed newspapers. As the technologies have developed, the areas are no longer clear. Cable firms compete with telephone companies to bring the new generation technologies such as on-demand video, to the house. Newspapers and news items are available through computer technology and provided as the events occur. Fax machines copiers and printers are no longer separate and distinct machine.

Technology has also had its impact on the way business is conducted and the world economy. Stock markets, money markets, and commodities are traded within moments. Downsizing, right sizing, and cut-backs are common terms in today's environment with business, government and communities required to do more with less. The education system is being evaluated and demands are being made to determine the appropriate skills needed by our current and future work force. Many agencies are turning to technology and the information superhighway for solutions. Everywhere we turn, we hear of the information superhighway. What is it? What will it do for us? Can I get on it? The information highway isn't a thing, it isn't an organization. No one owns it; no one runs it. It is

simply everyone's technology connected through wires or signals. Weaving together people, places and machines, the information highway can create convenient access to information and services all over the world.

Technology is not an end unto itself, but a set of tools to support efficiencies and effectiveness. Through this budget, the City reflects its commitment providing staff with the technology tools needed to provide timely, informative service to the community. Examples of this commitment include managing traffic flow from City Hall, access of City information through the Internet, and a modern financial management system. Another aspect of this commitment is City staff participation in partnerships with organizations throughout the valley.

A year ago, a partnership was formed as Santa Clarita Valley Connecting Communities consisting of representatives from the City, the SCV Chamber of Commerce, local business associations, area schools, utilities, and major technology corporations. The partners gathered information about the technological configurations of schools, businesses, and local government to identify current and future plans for technology as well as the types of information that may be available for sharing. This partnership also conducted a technology expo in October to increase the awareness within the community. The City of Santa Clarita supports this partnership and is committed to preparing this valley for the 21st century. The City will be one of the architects, not just a tenant, of an information highway within our valley to maximize local resources and connect our community with the rest of the world. Will you be a participant?

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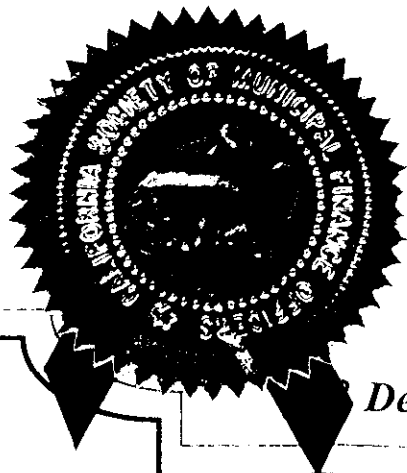
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