



Dear Friends:

We're pleased to announce the first annual *State of Silicon Valley* conference, Friday January 20th, 2006. We're holding it in San Jose's Parkside Hall, adjacent to the Tech Museum, and we hope you'll make firm plans to join us.

The conference will feature, first and foremost, a briefing on the 2006 *Silicon Valley Index*, a nationally recognized publication that has been telling the Silicon Valley story for more than a decade. The 2006 *Index* will provide the analytical foundation for the day's dialogue and discussion, which includes a lively mix of CEO panels, distinguished keynote speakers, and our first-ever panel of the region's university presidents. The luncheon will be keynoted by United States Senator Dianne Feinstein, and we'll also be presenting the 2006 David Packard Civic Entrepreneur Award.

But more than merely data and commentary, the day will feature contests and exhibits by young Silicon Valley innovators; audience participation; door prizes; and music and dance from some of our region's most dynamic arts groups. Think of it as Silicon Valley's annual town meeting, where we celebrate who we are and talk carefully about our future.

More detailed information—about the program, registration, sponsorship opportunities and all the rest—will follow shortly. We just wanted you to be holding the date: **January 20th, 2006.**

See you there!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Russell Hancock".

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