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Dear Brenna and Steve:

It was a great honor for me to receive the Silicon Valley Leadership Group Annual Public Policy Award. To have Governor Schwarzenegger present was an added bonus.

Hearing the initiatives for which Synopsys and I were recognized, I realized that many were the result of your advice and counsel. When we worked with you on writing and placing an op-ed about raising the quotas for H-1B visas, you correctly advised that we should be doing something to ensure a future supply of well- educated technical workers. PRx suggested a way to do that, by supporting the Santa Clara Valley Science and Engineering Fair, which is now known as the Synopsys Silicon Valley Science & Technology Outreach Foundation. This emphasis upon project-based learning is already paying dividends as young scholars achieve higher levels of accomplishment and go on to technical careers.

PRx also advised that I become involved with Second Harvest Food Bank's Holiday Food Drive as Chairman. That happened with your assistance, and it was a very satisfying campaign which we still support at all levels of the company.

And finally, one key bit of advice was that Synopsys join the then Silicon Valley Manufacturing Group. You brought Carl Guardino to Synopsys to meet me, and after several years, I was honored to be selected Chairman.

So I am grateful for your and PRx's public and community relations counsel. It has helped Synopsys to achieve a much higher profile in our community, and our employees feel a richly deserved pride in what we all have accomplished in so little time.

I hope this letter will serve as a reference for your good work.

Regards,

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Chairman & CEO