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IHUB SAN JOAQUIN LEADERSHIP SERIES

“Start Small, Think Big: Forging Your Own Path to Success”

(Stockton, CA) – iHub San Joaquin announces the second event of the iHub San Joaquin Leadership Series, *“Start Small, Think Big: Forging Your Own Path to Success.”* This event features Jose Benitez Cong, a startup founder and former talent development for Apple, Nest, and Google. This event is Wednesday, September 30, at 5:00 p.m. at the Stockton Arena at 248 W. Fremont Street in The Record Press Club, 3rd Floor.

The public is invited to attend this interactive conversation to gain insights from a Silicon Valley executive who chose to leave the corporate talent development world to pursue his own startup company. The event also features local entrepreneurs:

- Jason Roth, CEO and founder of Tuleburg, a full service business development firm
- Katie Macrae and Amy Sieffert, founders of the STOCKMARKET, the successful indoor/outdoor makers market in Downtown Stockton.

“iHub was conceived to facilitate the success of entrepreneurship and small technology start-ups,” said Micah Runner, Stockton Economic Development Director and iHub Board Member. “These speakers come from three diverse avenues of entrepreneurship, yet have each experienced the obstacles involved in starting a successful business. Our hope is that by sharing their experiences, we can inspire other entrepreneurs to continue with their pursuits.”

Runner added that this event coincides directly with the City Council adopted Economic Development Strategic Plan: “One of the core initiatives of our Strategic Plan is focused on entrepreneurship and innovation programs. We see these two areas as essential components of comprehensive employment growth.”

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This iHub San Joaquin Leadership Series event is sponsored by the City of Stockton, the San Joaquin County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and Huddle. The public is invited to this free event hosted with light refreshments. Visit www.ihubsj.eventbrite.com to register; seating is limited.

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About iHub San Joaquin – In 2013, the State passed AB250 creating the California Innovation Hub (iHub) Program. AB250 sets forth iHubs as the State’s premier resource for facilitating the success of entrepreneurial and small technology startups to grow the State’s economy. In October 2013, the State designated San Joaquin County as an iHub, joining one of 16 iHubs in the State. iHub San Joaquin links technology leaders, entrepreneurs, investors, and educational institutions through a variety of programs and services. Visit www.ihubsj.org for more information.

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