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MONEY MAGAZINE RANKS SAN RAMON AS THE 21ST BEST CITY TO LIVE IN THE U.S. HIGHEST RANKED CITY IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

San Ramon, CA: Money magazine released their 2016 rankings of the best place to live in the United States and San Ramon finished as the top ranking city in northern California and 21st nationwide.

The "Best Places to Live" list included 823 towns and cities with populations between 50,000 and 300,000. Then through an analysis of almost 300,000 demographic data points, the list was reduced to the top 200 communities based on safety, quality of job growth, and ethnic diversity. The final selection was based not just on statistical data; it also included field work by Money Magazine reporters who spent time in each town, interviewing residents, checking out neighborhoods, and searching for intangible factors that are not visible in statistics alone.

“This is amazing news and I am so very proud of our City.” Mayor Bill Clarkson stated in response to the ranking. “When a national publication like Money magazine recognizes the safety of our community, our commitment to the arts, our bountiful parks and open space, our robust and growing business community and our award winning schools it illustrates how San Ramon works together for the people who live here. The City has an important role in our community, but it is our partnerships with community groups, the business community and the school district that make San Ramon the best place to live in Northern California.”

Money magazine identified several specific features of San Ramon that factored into the high ranking. The ranking notes San Ramon’s beautiful neighborhoods, ample parks, high performing schools and an abundance of in-town job options as key metrics for the community.

In addition to what is here today, Money magazine identified San Ramon as a community making major strides away from a quintessential suburb into a community primed for the future. In early 2016, old office space was razed to make way for City Center, which will include shops, restaurants, residential units and a one-acre piazza. Acclaimed architect Renzo Piano, whose work includes the new Whitney Museum in New York City and California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco, is overseeing the project, slated for completion in 2018.

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