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LOS GATOS TO ADD FIVE ELECTRIC VEHICLES TO FLEET

Los Gatos, CA – Los Gatos will lease five all-electric vehicles at a reduced cost through an innovative partnership with several private sector companies. Active International, a media trade company, Mitsubishi Motors of North America, and Mike Albert Leasing have teamed up to offer municipalities in California the opportunity to lease these vehicles for either a one-year no-cost lease, or a three-year reduced cost lease.

Los Gatos resident and former Los Gatos Ferrari business owner, Scott Cote, approached his hometown first with this unique offer. The offer stems from a business arrangement between Active and Mitsubishi, whereby the vehicles are payment for services the automobile company received from Active. Active is in turn “donating” the lease of the vehicles to municipalities.

The Town will lease five new i-MIEV ES 4-door hatchbacks for a three-year period, with the first year covered by Active and three-quarters of the second year covered by a rebate from the State of California for these no-emission vehicles. Three of the cars will be used for volunteers in the Volunteers in Policing program to run errands and make deliveries around town. The other two will be pool vehicles available to Town staff for travel to meetings in the County and for local business purposes. The addition of these vehicles to the Town fleet will help the Town to meet its greenhouse gas emission reduction targets.

The Town currently has six public charging stations around town, including one at the Library. Additional charging stations will be included in the Town’s proposed Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Year 2013-14, which the Town Council will consider in May.

Other cities currently in line to lease vehicles include Campbell, Palo Alto, Santa Clara, San Jose and Mill Valley.

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