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Establishment of the GovAI Coalition as a Nonprofit Corporation

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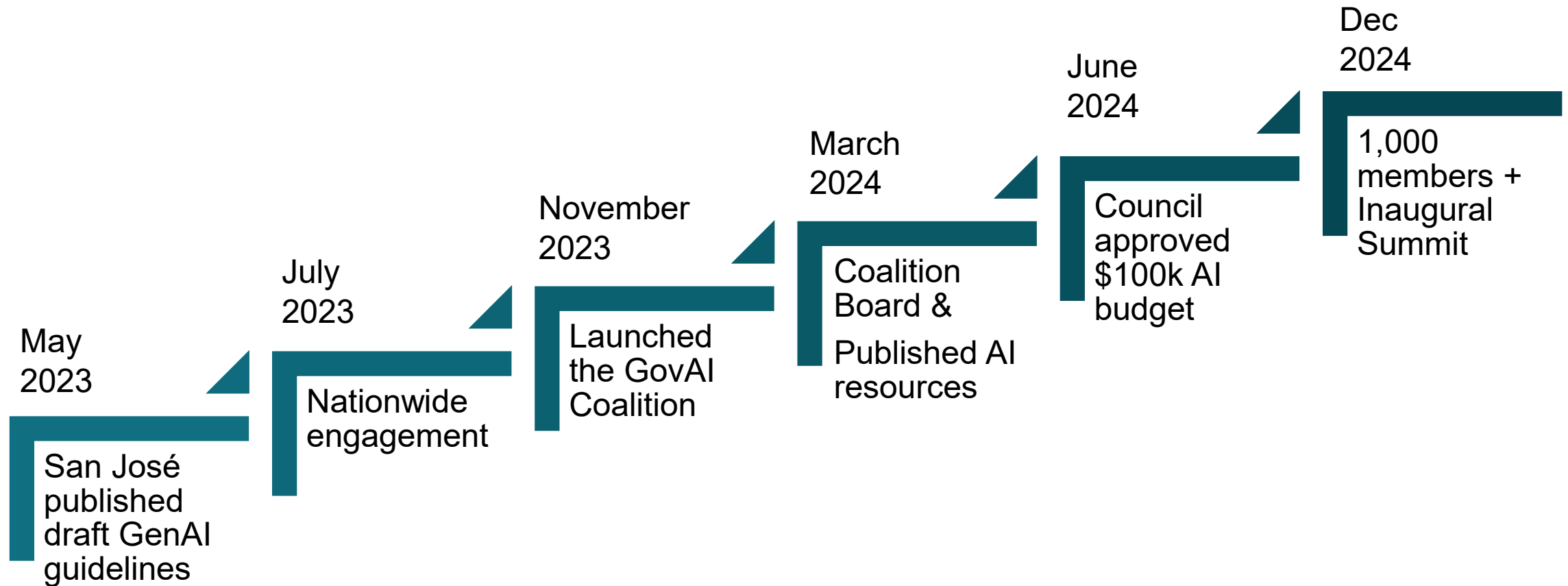
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San José Leadership in AI and Innovation

- Reinforced San José's position as an AI leader in government
- City of San José - Epicenter of AI and Innovation
 - NVIDIA's GTC Conference & GovAI Coalition Summit
- Influenced AI development through transparency and accountability
- Recognized AI Upskilling Program
- Leadership in Privacy and AI governance

Start of the Coalition

Organic growth sprouted from the City of San José



A world map with a light blue background. Numerous green location pins are scattered across the map, with a high concentration in North America. A green rectangular box is overlaid on the map, containing white text. The text reads "Today: Over 3,000 Coalition members".

**Today: Over 3,000
Coalition members**

GovAI Coalition

Founded by the City of San José in November 2023

Mission

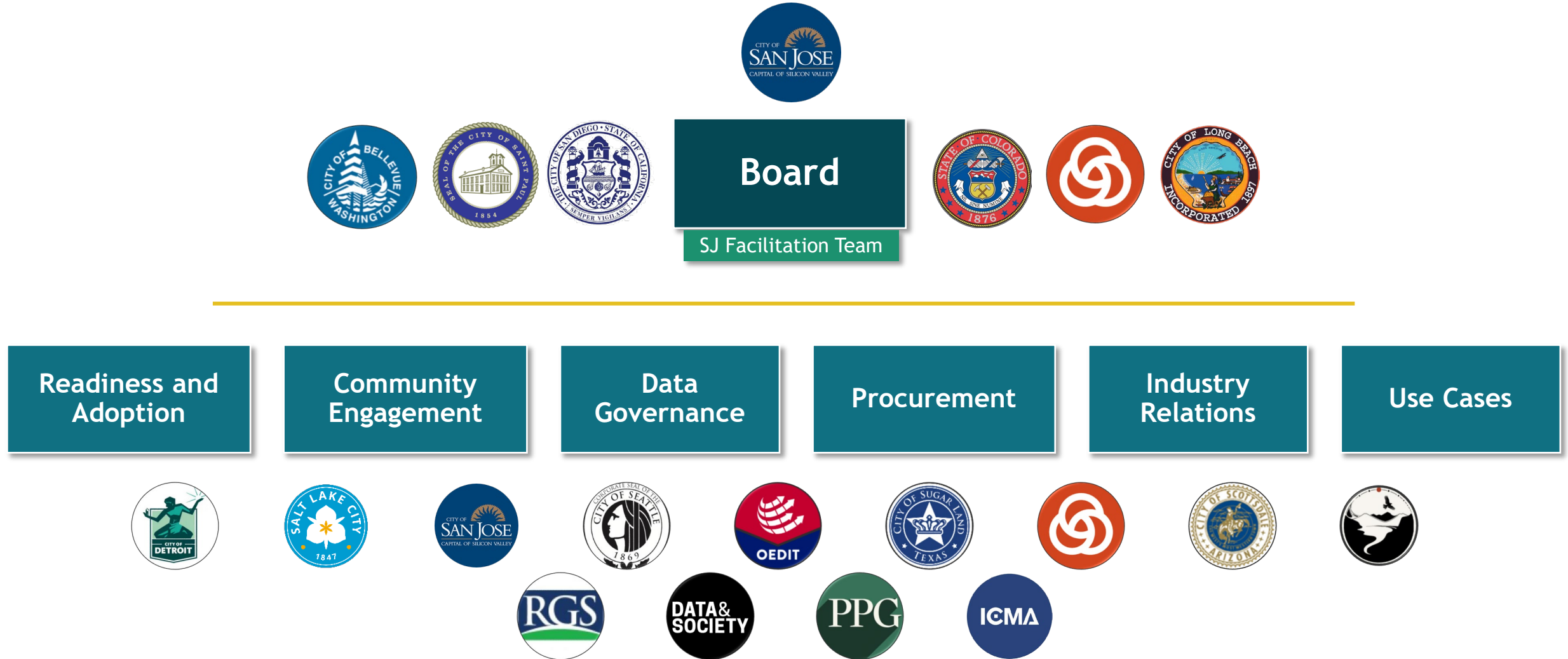
Ensures public sector AI serves the public good through resource sharing, standards, and advocacy.

The City of San José coordinated responsible and effective use of AI with hundreds of agencies.

- Recognized as a national leader in AI policies and innovation.
- Over 900 local, state, and federal agencies have joined the Coalition, growing their own AI principles.
- Collective best work was incorporated in San José's program.



Coalition Structure



GovAI Coalition Achievements



Free resources - AI policy templates, FactSheet, vendor registry, contract hub, and monthly newsletter



AI upskilling training playbook - Promote education in public sector workforces



3,000 members - Representing 900+ agencies and 7 countries



GovAI Coalition Summit in San José – 2024, 2025, 2026

Why will establishing the GovAI Coalition as a nonprofit help the City?



Funding

- Access funding, grants, and philanthropic support
- Dedicate resources to grow Coalition and advance its services



Partnerships

- Grow partnerships with other governments and universities
- Promote public/private partnerships



Marketing & Development

- Amplify communications and relationship-building to sustain the Coalition
- Global recognition and collaboration



Financial Management

The Coalition intends to be housed under a fiscal sponsor

- Obtaining 501(c)(3) status is estimated to take at least 9 months
- Interim fiscal sponsor - pending nonprofit status
 - 501(c)(3) status
 - Administration services
 - Dedicated staffing
 - Compliance and support

Next Steps

- City Attorney's Office and IT Department will initiate the nonprofit process and establish interim fiscal sponsor
- Finalize nonprofit governance and board of directors
- Obtain nonprofit status

THE GOV **AI** COALITION SUMMIT **2026**

December 9 - 10 (Summit)
December 11 (Government Town Hall)
San José, CA

Sonic Runway, San José City Hall

Location: San Jose McEnergy Convention Center

Thank you for supporting the GovAI Coalition

Coalition Board

- Khaled Tawfik, City of San José, CA
- Ethan Benatan, Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon (TriMet)
- Jaime Wascalus, City of Saint Paul, MN
- Jonathan Behnke, City of San Diego, CA
- Sabra Schneider, City of Bellevue, WA
- Anthony Fisher, State of Colorado
- Ryan Kurtzman, City of Long Beach, CA

Coalition Facilitation Team

City of San José

- Albert Glee, City Privacy and AI Officer
- Leila Doty, Senior Privacy and AI Analyst
- Chelsea Palacio, Public Information Manager

Coalition Committee Chairs

- **Community Engagement Committee:**
 - Liz Buehler, Salt Lake City, UT
 - Meg Young, Data & Society
- **Procurement Committee**
 - Aaron Bushman, Colorado Office of Economic Development & International Trade
 - Emily Royall, Partners for Public Good
- **Industry Relations Committee:**
 - Teagan Trammell, Sugar Land, TX
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 - Kari Johnson, Scottsdale, AZ
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 - Hemant Desai, ICMA
- **Data Governance Committee:**
 - Arti Tangri, City of San José, CA
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- **Readiness & Adoption Committee:**
 - Saher Noor, City of Detroit, MI
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And the 3,000+ incredible volunteers around the world.

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