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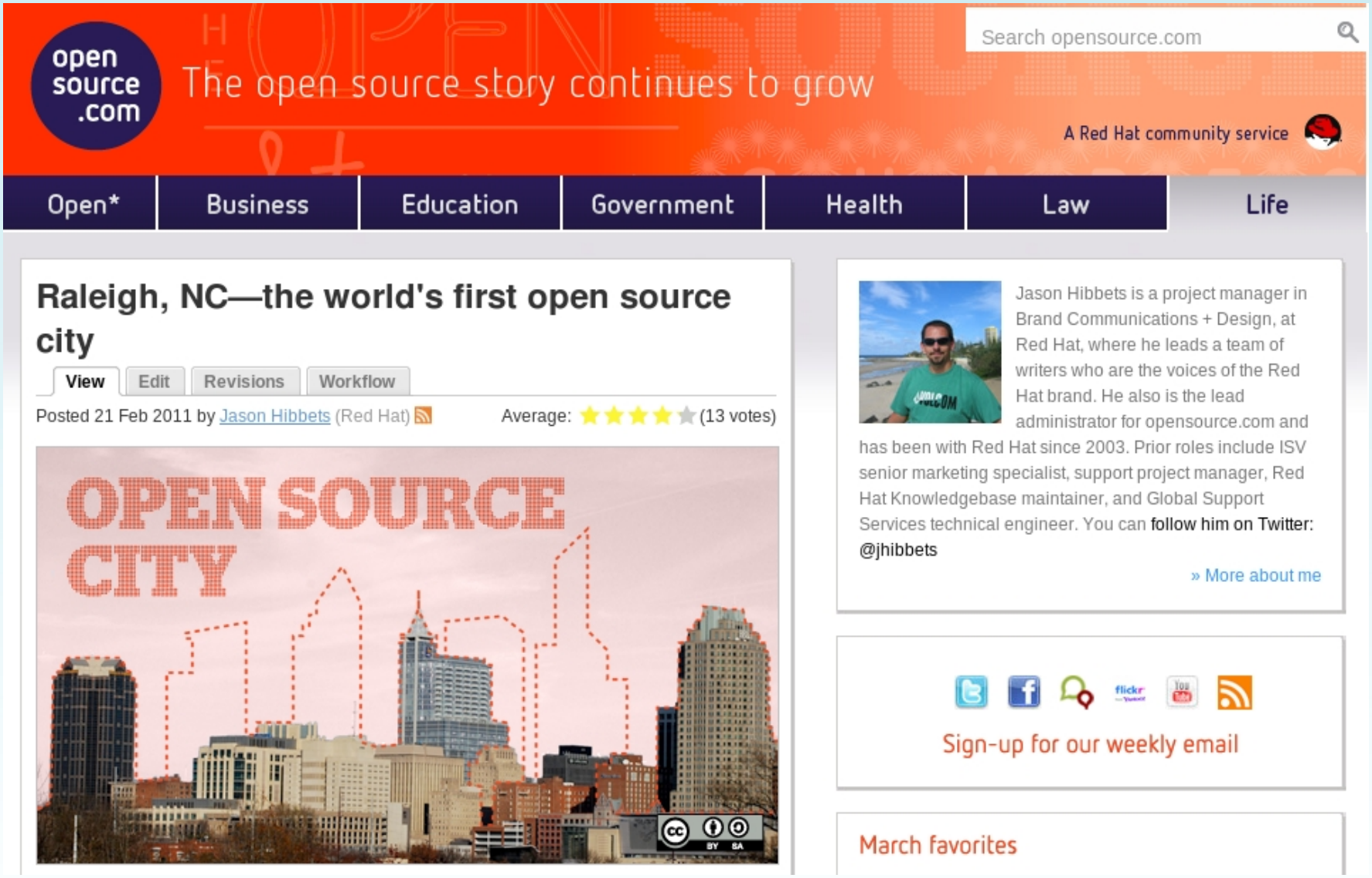

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Open source drumbeat

- Meetups:
  - CityCamp “un-meetup” (Aug 2011)
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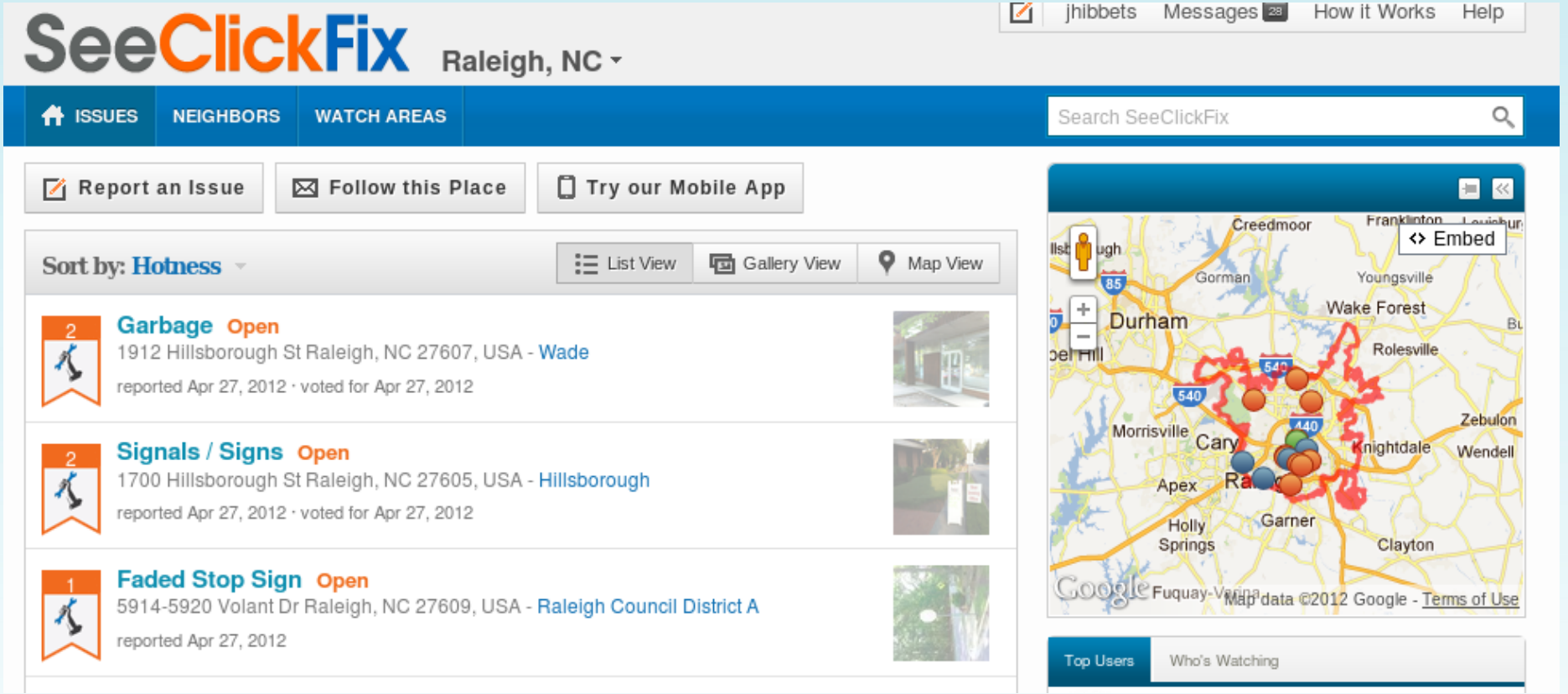

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Red Hat Selects Raleigh as its Global Headquarters

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The world's leading provider of open source solutions brings its headquarters to downtown Raleigh

The City of Raleigh announced today during a press conference hosted by Mayor Nancy McFarlane that Red Hat, Inc., the world's leading provider of open source solutions, is making downtown Raleigh, North Carolina its new global headquarters. Red Hat has over 4,300 employees in more than 70 offices in 30 countries, over 600 of those are currently employed in Raleigh. The company has plans to nearly double that number in Raleigh with the creation of an additional 540 jobs over the next nine years. Red Hat has chosen 100 East Davie Street as its global headquarters.

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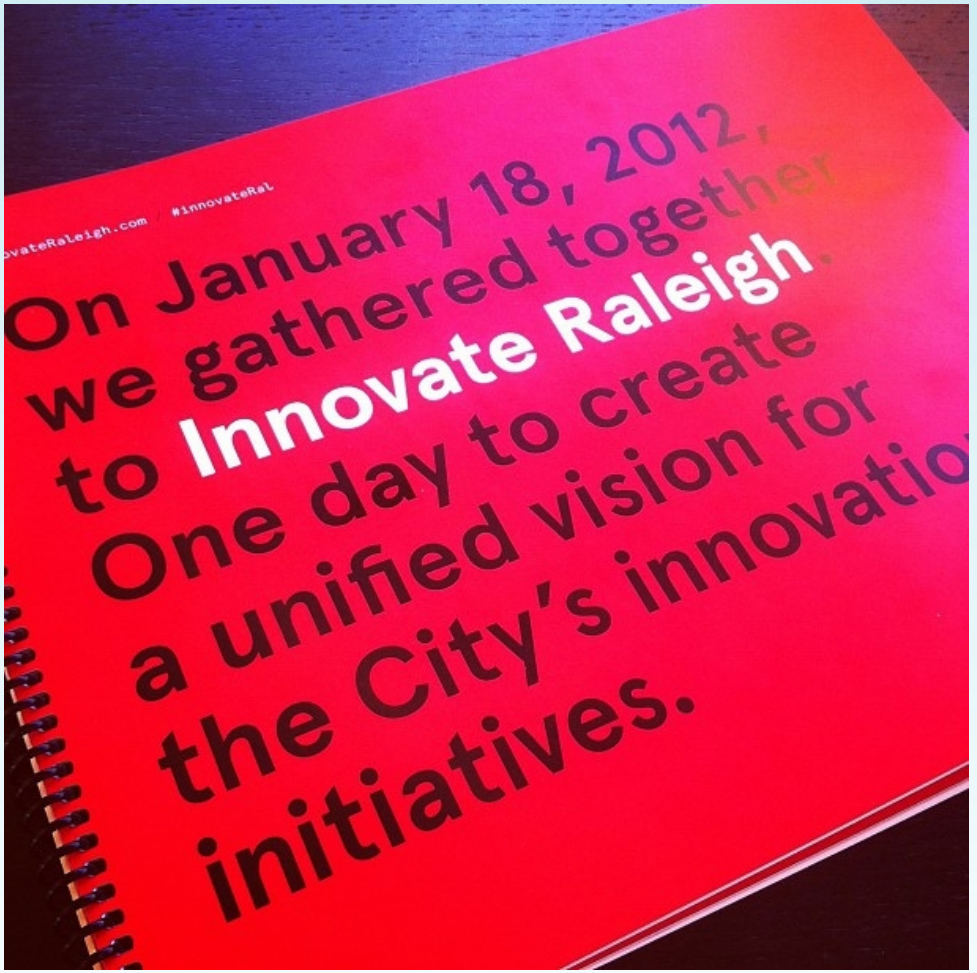

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Raleigh, NC—City Council adopts open source policy

Today, the Raleigh City Council passed an Open Source Government Resolution, unanimously, promoting the use of open source software and open data. The resolution includes language that puts open source software on the same playing field as proprietary software in the procurement process. It also establishes an open data catalog to house data available from the city.

Raleigh isn't the first city to pass an open government policy. But it may be the first to provide a blueprint that can help other cities pass their own open initiatives more quickly.

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City to Allocate $50,000 for Open-Source Data

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Raleigh is talking the talk and walking the open-source walk. In a 6-to-2 vote, city councilors agreed Tuesday to provide $50,000 annually for an open-source data catalog.

The funding will be included in next year's budget, which will be presented by City Manager Russell Allen next month. Councilor and Technology and Communication Committee Chair Bonner Gaylord, who originally proposed the idea, said the catalog is a necessary step for a more open and transparent government.

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- Hub of open source companies
- Open source conferences & user groups
- Culture of open source
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