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Statement from San José Mayor Chuck Reed regarding President Barack Obama's Jobs Plan

SAN JOSE, CALIF. – Mayor Chuck Reed has released the following statement regarding President Barack Obama's new proposals to accelerate job growth and boost economic growth:

I am delighted that President Obama has put forward proposals that can help get Americans back to work. With staggering unemployment rates across America, these proposals have the potential to put people back to work. Here in San Jose, the number of residents experiencing unemployment has skyrocketed over the last year –from 6.7 percent in 2008 to 13.2 percent as of October 2009.

Additionally, cities like San Jose have billions of dollars in infrastructure needs. The President's proposal to invest in roads, bridges, and infrastructure will not only put Americans back to work, but will make critical investments that will make our cities safer for years to come.

After meeting with top economic advisors to President Obama and Vice President Biden on my last trip to Washington, I am pleased that the concerns that I and other Mayors have raised are being addressed, that the President's proposals will get funding to Main Street, where they will go farther towards creating permanent private sector jobs that will last long after the federal funding runs out.

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