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## **Statement of Mayor Chuck Reed regarding the Arrests in the Halloween Shooting and Stabbing**

*San José, Calif.* – The San José Police Department announced today the arrests of three juveniles in connection with the Halloween night shooting and stabbing of a 12- and a 13-year-old as they were trick-or-treating. Mayor Chuck Reed released the following statement:

I want to thank the San José Police Department for their quick work in making these arrests and to thank the residents of San José for working with the police department to solve these horrific crimes.

Cooperation between community members and the police department is critical to maintaining and improving the safety of our neighborhoods. In many urban areas around the nation, crimes go unsolved for years because of mistrust between law enforcement and residents. In San José, the solve rate for major crimes far exceeds that of other major cities, and resident involvement plays a significant role.

I am deeply disturbed that the attackers in this case were themselves juveniles. We must redouble our efforts to ensure every child, in every neighborhood, knows that he or she has the opportunity to succeed in life and that there are a wide variety of positive alternatives to the gang life.

In the hours following the incident on Halloween night, the Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force immediately deployed resources to the neighborhood where this tragedy occurred. I want to thank all of our Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force partners, both from city staff and community-based organizations, for working tirelessly to prevent retaliatory incidents and provide services to the families affected by this incident. Their work will continue in the days and weeks ahead, and they are unsung heroes in the efforts to keep San José one of America's safest big cities.

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