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Statement from Mayor Chuck Reed Regarding San José's Ranking as the Safest Big City in California, Fourth in the Nation

San José, Calif. – With the news that San José is again rated as having the fourth lowest crime rate in the nation and lowest in California among cities with more than 500,000 in population (CQ Press, *City Crime Rankings 2009-2010: Crime in Metropolitan America*, <http://os.cqpress.com/citycrime/2009/CityCrime2009.html>), Mayor Chuck Reed released the following statement:

Once again, San José has been recognized as one of America's safest large cities. Despite the challenging economy and state takeaways that have forced us to cut critical city services, San José held steady as being California's safest big city and fourth safest in the nation.

I am proud that San José experienced a steady drop in most major categories of crimes last year. I'd like to recognize the dedication and hard work of our police officers, the efforts of our many partners in the Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force, and the continued cooperation of our residents to keep our neighborhoods safe.

The San José Police Department does a tremendous job of solving crimes quickly – as they did in some recent tragic incidents. However, they can't do it alone. Together, we must all remain steadfast in our efforts to reduce violence. Public safety remains my top priority, and by working together, we will continue our efforts to ensure that every neighborhood becomes an even safer place to live.

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