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## **Statement from Mayor Chuck Reed on the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Loma Prieta Earthquake**

*SAN JOSE, CALIF.* – Mayor Chuck Reed issued the following statement in recognition of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Loma Prieta Earthquake that struck the Bay Area on October 17, 1989:

Twenty years ago, the Loma Prieta Earthquake ravaged the Bay Area, killing 63 people, injuring thousands and displacing many thousands more from their homes. For many of us, the memory of those 15 seconds and the resulting devastation remains all too vivid.

While San José and the Bay Area are much better equipped for the next big earthquake, it's up to every one of us to stay prepared. You never know when or where a natural disaster will strike, or how quickly our first responders will be able to assist you.

So, on the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this devastating earthquake, I urge all local residents to take the time to prepare. Make sure that you have an emergency kit with enough water, non-perishable food, medications and first aid supplies for at least 72 hours. Also make plans so that your entire family knows where to go and what to do when disaster strikes.

If we all take steps to prepare now, our community will be able to survive anything that's thrown our way.

For more information on building emergency kits for your home, care and office, please visit: [http://www.sanjoseca.gov/emergencyServices/eq\\_kit.asp](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/emergencyServices/eq_kit.asp). Residents can also sign up to receive emergency alerts from the City of San José via phone, e-mail or text message by visiting: [www.alertscc.com](http://www.alertscc.com).

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