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## **Statement from Mayor Chuck Reed on the San Jose Redevelopment Budget and Layoffs**

*SAN JOSE, CALIF.* – Mayor Chuck Reed issued the following statement regarding the San Jose Redevelopment Agency’s [announcement](#) that it is laying off 23 percent of its workforce today.

Today’s actions are the result of Sacramento’s failure to solve its structural budget problems. In July, the State of California grabbed \$62 million in Redevelopment funds from San Jose – on top of the \$13 million the legislature took last year and \$13 million budgeted to be taken next year. These layoffs are the direct result of the state's actions.

Redevelopment provides critical tools to rebuild our economy, create jobs, and revitalize neighborhoods – exactly the kinds of investments we should be making in this recession. Sadly, we are forced to eliminate the jobs of many of the very people who have been working to help San Jose get back on track. I want to thank them for their years of service, their hard work, and their commitment to serving the residents of this great city.

San Jose closed an \$84 million gap in our General Fund budget this year and focused our efforts to make strategic investments that grow the economy. The legislature, in contrast, fails to address its structural budget problems in a prudent and responsible manner, instead choosing to raid local resources with dire consequences for communities, businesses, and families throughout our region.

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