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**Statement from San José Mayor Chuck Reed
on H.R. 3261 (SOPA) and S. 968 (PIPA)**

San José, Calif. – Mayor Reed today issued the following statement on two bills currently being considered in Congress – U.S. House of Representatives H.R. 3261 Stop Online Piracy Act (SOPA) and U.S. Senate S.968 Protect Intellectual Property Act (PIPA):

As the capital of the Silicon Valley, San José leads the world in innovation. In order to remain competitive globally, we strongly support added protection of our intellectual property, but not at the expense of creativity and innovation. Many of our companies use the Internet as a platform for emerging technologies. The broad language contained in SOPA and PIPA may unintentionally stifle Silicon Valley's ability to create new waves of innovation.

I urge Congress to seek ways to solve the piracy problem without jeopardizing California's innovation economy.

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