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**Statement from Mayor Chuck Reed on Tuesday's
Devastating Earthquake in Haiti**

SAN JOSE, CALIF. – Mayor Chuck Reed has issued the following statement in response to the 7.0 magnitude earthquake that struck Haiti on January 12:

On behalf of the residents of San José, our thoughts and prayers are with the people of Haiti as they deal with the aftermath of yesterday's destructive earthquake. As reports of the devastation continue to roll in, we offer our deepest condolences to those have been affected by this disaster.

I encourage all Silicon Valley residents to support the international rescue effort now underway in Haiti. Our region has a tremendous capacity to give and I am continually impressed by our residents' generosity when others are in dire need.

This tragedy should also serve as a reminder to prepare for the next natural disaster. Make sure that you have an emergency kit with enough water, non-perishable food, medications and first aid supplies for 72 hours, and that your entire family knows where to go and what to do when disaster strikes.

Individuals who want to support relief efforts in Haiti can contact the American Red Cross (<http://american.redcross.org/supporthaiti>). The Center for International Disaster Information (www.cidi.org) is also referring interested donors to www.interaction.org to obtain a list of credible responding agencies for international emergencies.

For more information on building emergency kits for your home, car and office, please visit: 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.

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