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MUSIC]TERESA ALVARADO: GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.PLEASE FIND YOUR TABLES AND BE SEATED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.THE CATERING STAFF IS READY TO SERVE YOU A DELICIOUS BREAKFAST.IT HELPS THEM IF YOU ARE SEATED.PLEASE ENJOY THE MUSIC OF THE SAN JOSÉ SENIOR YOUTH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA WHILE YOU DINE.THE CONDUCTOR IS SAN JOSÉ'S OWN MAESTRO, ANTHONY QUARTUCCIO.THANK YOU.EMMETT CARSON: ONCE AGAIN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE HOPE THAT YOU ARE ENJOYING YOUR BREAKFAST.FOR THOSE JUST NOW ARRIVING, PLEASE FIND YOUR TABLE AND BE SEATED SO THE CATERING STAFF CAN SERVE YOU BREAKFAST.OUR PROGRAM BEGINS IN 20 MINUTES.[MUSIC] [MUSIC] MOZART 4...THANK YOU.TERESA ALVARADO: BEFORE WE BEGIN OUR PROGRAM, WE WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE SOME VERY SPECIAL PEOPLE WHO ARE ATTENDING THIS MORNING'S BREAKFAST.WE WELCOME: COUNTY SUPERVISOR GEORGE SHIRAKAWA JR.[APPLAUSE]COUNTY SUPERVISOR LIZ KNISS SANTA CLARA COUNTY ASSESSOR LARRY STONE DIANE BAUTISTA- REPRESENTING STATE SENATOR ABEL MALDONADO THERE IS ALSO A REPRESENTATIVE HERE FROM THE OFFICE OF ASSEMBLYMAN JIM BEALL [APPLAUSE] EMIT IS SPEAKING NEXT.I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE EMIT CARSON TO JOIN US.THANK YOU.THE FORMAL PROGRAM BEGINS IN A FEW MINUTES.BEFORE THAT HAPPENS I WOULD LIKE TO CHANGE THE SAN JOSE ORCHESTRAJR.PLEASE WELCOME THESE SPECIAL GUESTS WITH A WARM ROUND OF APPLAUSE.EMMETT CARSON: THE FORMAL PROGRAM BEGINS IN JUST A FEW MINUTES.BEFORE THAT HAPPENS, I WOULD LIKE TO ONCE AGAIN THANK THE SAN JOSÉ YOUTH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA, WHOSE MISSION IS TO EQUIP YOUNG MUSIC STUDENTS WITH THE SKILLS NEEDED FOR EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE.THIS GROUP WILL MAKE ITS FIRST TOUR TO NEW YORK CITY IN JULY 2009.AND BEING A YOUTH ORCHESTRA, THEY HAVE TO GO TO SCHOOL NOW, SO PLEASE GIVE THEM A HAND AS THEY DEPART THE BALLROOM.GOOD LUCK ON YOUR FINAL EXAMS!![APPLAUSE]TERESA ALVARADO: WE NOW WILL INTRODUCE THE PEOPLE WHO WILL JOIN US SHORTLY HERE ON STAGE, YOUR SAN JOSÉ CITY COUNCIL.PLEASE STAND AS WE CALL YOUR NAMES: COUNCILMEMBERS PETE CHU OF DISTRICT 4.[APPLAUSE].OLIVERIO OF DISTRICT 6.OF ROSE OF DISTRICT 8 AND NANCY PILE OF DISTRICT 10.CONSTANT OF DISTRICT 1, SAM LICCARDO OF DISTRICT 3, NORA CAMPOS OF DISTRICT 5, MADISON NGUYEN OF DISTRICT 7, AND JUDY CHIRCO OF DISTRICT 9.EMMETT CARSON: AND PLEASE WELCOME THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL.COUNCILMEMBERS ASH KALRA OF DISTRICT 2, KANSEN CHU OF DISTRICT 4, PIERLUIGI OLIVERIO OF DISTRICT 4, ROSE HERRERA OF DISTRICT 8, NANCY PYLE OF DISTRICT 10.[APPLAUSE] I DID?I DID.I'M SORRY.AND LAST AND MOST IMPORTANT, NORRA CAMPOS OF DISTRICT 5![APPLAUSE] THANK YOU.I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE DISTINGUISHED MAYOR OF SAN JOSÉ, CHUCK REED, FROM WHOM YOU WILL HEAR LATER IN THE PROGRAM.TERESA ALVARADO: OUR PROGRAM WILL NOW BEGIN.ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE MY CO-HOST FOR THIS MORNING'S STATE OF THE CITY AND COMMUNITY BREAKFAST, DR.EMMETT CARSON, CEO AND PRESIDENT OF THE SILICON VALLEY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION.EMMETT SERVES AS THE FIRST CEO AND PRESIDENT OF THE NEW SILICON VALLEY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION WHICH RESULTED FROM THE HISTORIC MERGER OF COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SILICON VALLEY AND PENINSULA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION.WITH \$1.5 BILLION IN TOTAL ASSETS, THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION IS ONE OF THE LARGEST IN THE NATION AND IS DEDICATED TO STRENGTHENING THE COMMON GOOD, IMPROVING QUALITY OF LIFE AND ADDRESSING THE MOST CHALLENGING PROBLEMS IN SANTA CLARA AND SAN MATEO COUNTIES.EMMETT SERVES ON SEVERAL NONPROFIT BOARDS INCLUDING BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF MINNESOTA, JOINT VENTURE: SILICON VALLEY NETWORK, NORTHERN CALIFORNIA GRANTMAKERS AND THE SOUTHERN EDUCATION FOUNDATION.EMMETT IS AN INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED LEADER IN PHILANTHROPY WHO HAS BEEN NAMED AS ONE OF THE 50 MOST INFLUENTIAL NONPROFIT LEADERS IN THE UNITED STATES BY THE NONPROFIT TIMES.I AM HAPPY TO WORK CLOSELY WITH HIM AND SERVE AS HIS CO-EMCEE THIS MORNING.[APPLAUSE]EMMETT CARSON: AND NOW, IT'S MY PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE AN ACCOMPLISHED COLLEAGUE AND COMMUNITY LEADER: TERESA ALVARADO.TERESA IS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE HISPANIC FOUNDATION OF SILICON VALLEY, WHICH CULTIVATES PHILANTHROPY AND INSPIRES HISPANIC CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TO ACHIEVE GREATNESS.AS A SAN JOSÉ NATIVE WITH A LIFE-LONG COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY SERVICE, TERESA HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN DOZENS OF NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS IN SILICONVALLEY OVER THE PAST TWO DECADES - AS A BOARD MEMBER, AS A FOUNDER AND AS AN EXECUTIVE.SHE IS A FOUNDER OF THE LATINA COALITION OF SILICON VALLEY; A BOARD

MEMBER OF COMPASSPOINT NONPROFIT SERVICES; AND AN INCOMING BOARD MEMBER OF ROTARY CLUB, SAN JOSÉ .TERESA WAS THE FIRST COMMUNITY MEMBER APPOINTED TO THE MERCURY NEWS' EDITORIAL BOARD AND SHE IS A MEMBER OF "ENVISION SAN JOSÉ 2040," THE TASK FORCE CHARGED WITH UPDATING SAN JOSÉ 'S GENERAL PLAN.TERESA IS A GRADUATE OF ARCHBISHOP MITTY HIGH SCHOOL , SAN JOSÉ STATE UNIVERSITY AND TUFTS UNIVERSITY .PLEASE JOIN ME IN WELCOMING HER.[APPLAUSE] I FORGOT MY ROETARY PEN.DON'T LET THEM KNOW I WILL GET A FINE.

>> TERESA ALVARADO: TO BEGIN OUR PROGRAM TODAY, PLEASE WELCOME TWO VERY SPECIAL GUESTS FROM THE SERVICES IMMIGRATION RESOURCES AND EDUCATION NETWORK, ALSO KNOWN AS SIREN.EACH OF THESE GUESTS IS A RECENT IMMIGRANT WHO HAS WORKED WITH SIREN.PLEASE WELCOME DANIEL RUELAS, A YOUNG IMMIGRANT FROM MEXICO, CURRENTLY A STUDENT AT SAN JOSÉ COMMUNITY COLLEGE, MAJORING IN BUSINESS, AND LUNG NGUYEN, WHO WAS A HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER IN VIETNAM BEFORE COMING TO THE UNITED STATES.I'M SORRY THAT LUO YEN R NGUYEN IS NOT HERE.ACCOUNT YOU STAND FOR THE PLEDGE OF ALIEGEANCE?[PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]HE BECAME A CITIZEN WITH HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTER IN 2008,.BOTH OF THESE NEW CITIZENS VOTED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN NOVEMBER OF 2008.DANIEL RUELAS & LUNG NGUYEN: PLEASE STAND AND JOIN US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE."I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG...AND JUSTICE FOR ALL." EMMETT CARSON: PLEASE REMAIN STANDING. WELCOME TO THE PODIUM THIS MORNING, MS STEPHANIE ROCA.STEPHANIE IS A COLLEGE STUDENT AND AN ACCOMPLISHED PERFORMER WHO HAS APPEARED IN OVER 30 MUSICALS WITH SAN JOSÉ CHILDREN'S MUSICAL THEATRE, MITTY HIGH SCHOOL, AND OTHER LOCAL COMPANIES.SHE WILL PERFORM OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM.STEPHANIE ROCA: (SINGS) THANK O SAY CAN YOU SEE, BY THE DAWN'S EARLY LIGHT.WHAT SO PROUDLY WE HAIL AT THE TWILIGHT'S LAST GLEAMING.WHOSE BROAD STRIPES AND BRIGHT STARS... THROUGH THE PERILOUS FIGHT... O'ER THE RAMPARTS WE WATCHED WERE SO GAL ENDLY STREAMING.AND THE ROCKET'S RED GLARE... THE BOMBS BURSTING IN AIR... GAVE PROOF THROUGH THE NIGHT.THAT OUR FLAG WAS STILL THERE.O SAY DOES THAT STAR SPANGLED, BANNER YET WAVE... FOR THE LAND OF THE FREE... AND THE HOME OF THE BRAVE... [APPLAUSE] THANK YOU AGAIN, STEPHANIEYOU.EMMETT CARSON: THANK YOU AGAIN, STEPHANIE ROCA AND OUR SPECIAL GUESTS FROM SIREN, THE SERVICES, IMMIGRANT RIGHTS AND EDUCATION NETWORK.I NOW PRESENT TO YOU PASTOR JON TALBERT, COMPASSION PASTOR AT WESTGATE CHURCH IN SAN JOSÉ.JON IS THE ARCHITECT BEHIND THE NATIONAL COMPASSION & JUSTICE MOVEMENT CALLED BEAUTIFUL DAY, WHICH HAS DONE EXTREME HOME MAKEOVERS FOR NEEDY SAN JOSÉ RESIDENTS.JON ALSO SERVES AS THE SPORTS CHAPLAIN FOR THE SAN JOSÉ EARTHQUAKES.PASTOR JON TALBERT.230R GOT IS THAT PIECE.PASTOR TALBERT: (INVOCATION) MR. MAYOR IT IS AN HONOR TO BE HERE TO OFFER THE INVOCATION FOR OUR CITY AND COMMUNITY.I MOVED MY FAMILY HERE FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IN 1996.THINKING I WOULD LAST FOR A FEW YEARS.WHAT HAPPENED TO ME IS SOMETHING THAT HAPPENS TO MANY WHO FIND THEMSELVES IN THIS FINE CITY IS THAT YOU FALL IN LOVE WITH SAN JOSE.BEAUTY AND DIVERSITY AND CULTURE IS WORTH CELEBRATING.THERE ARE ISSUES OUR CITY FACES THAT ARE SIMILAR TO CITIES AROUND THE NATION SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOLS, CARING FOR THE SUFFERING FROM HIV AND AIDS.COMING ALONG SIDE THE SINGLE MOM AND THE ELDERLY.THERE ARE PRESSURES THAT FACE OUR CITY THAT REQUIRE US TO DRAW FROM INVASION, CREATIVITY AND UNITY.AS A PASTOR I'M OVERWHELMED BY THE SLABERATION TOGETHER.FAITH COMMUNITY IS PARTNERING WITH BUSINESSES AND GOVERNMENT AND ORGANIZATIONS TO UNLEASH COMPASSION IN A WAY THAT COMMUNITIES ARE ASKING.HOW DO WE BLESS OUR CITY LIKE THEY DO IN SAN JOSE?2009 FORECAST ECONOMIC HARDSHIPS, EMPLOYMENT ISSUES AND FUNDING CUT BACKS.QUALIFIED 2 INJURY 09 AS A HARD YEAR TO COME.I BELIEVE THIS THE BE OUR FINEST HOUR.TO COME AS A CITY AND COMMUNITY OF BROTHERS AND SISTERS TO EMPLOW OUR GOD GIVEN RESOURCE HAIS COMPASSION, MERCY AND HOPE.WITH THAT, I'D LIKE TO OFFER THE INVOCATION THIS MORNING.PRAY WITH ME.GOD OUR FATHER WE COME TO YOU AND ASK YOU TO BLESS OUR CITY.BLESS OUR ELECTED LEADERS AND OUR BUSINESS LEADERS WITH SUCCESS AND GENEROSITY.EDUCATORS WITH ENDOURNS AND EMPOWERMENT.BLESS OUR HEALTH CARE WORKERS WITH STAM MA.BLESS OUR NEIGHBORHOODS WITH COOPERATION AND BROTHERLY LOVE.BLESS OUR RELATIONSHIPS, OUR FAMILIES, OUR CHILDREN WITH YOUR GRACE.MAY WE BE GENEROUS TO THOSE IN NEED.PROVIDE JUSTICE TO THOSE WHO HAVE NO

VOICE.COMPASSIONATE TO THOSE WHO SUFFER.MAY YOU BLESS SAN JOSE, WE PRAY, AMEN.THANK YOU VERY MUCH, PAST APPROXIMATOR.TERESA ALVARADO: THIS MORNING WE CONTINUE A TRADITION OF THE STATE OF THE CITY EVENT BY HONORING SOME OF THE PEOPLE IN SAN JOSÉ WHO MAKE OUR CITY A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK.FIRST, WE WANT TO HONOR THE RECIPIENTS OF THE COVETED AWARD CALLED "THE PRIDE OF SAN JOSÉ".THESE ARE EMPLOYEES OF OUR CITY GOVERNMENT AND ARE SELECTED ANNUALLY BY THE CITY MANAGER.THESE CITY EMPLOYEES HAVE GONE ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY.PLEASE WATCH THE PRESENTATION ON THE MONITOR.

>> PRIDE A SAN JOSE AWARD IS THE HIGHEST HONOR IN THE CITY FOR THE CITY OF SAN JOSE EMPLOYEE.THEY ARE BASED ON VALUES THE EMPLOYEES DEVELOP THEJZ.THEY SHOW THE BEST PUBLIC SERVICE AND DEDICATION AS ARE THE HONOREES BEING HONORED THIS MORNING.THE 2008 RECIPIENTS REPRESENT THE PRIDE OF SAN JOSE E. THE FIRST AWARD GOES TO GARRY AN ASSISTANT DIRECT IN THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY.HE WAS SELECTED FOR 19 YEARS OF SERVICE FOR THE CITY AND HIS ABILITY TO BE COOL UNDER FIRE NO MATTER HOW HEAVY THE DEMAND.HE IS READY FOR A SOLUTION AND UNDERSTATED MID WESTERN HUMOR.CONGRATULATIONS, GARRY.

>> THE COMMUNITY RANKED THE SANITARY, SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT SECOND AFTER PUBLIC SAFETY.12 DEDICATED CITY STAFF MEMBERS FROM PUBLIC WORKS, REDEVELOPMENT, HOUSING AND THE CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE TOOK ON THE CHALLENGE TO MAKE IT HAPPEN.IN COLLABORATION WITH RESIDENTS, THEY DID EVERYTHING FROM HOLDING NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING, FROM GOING APPROXIMATE DOOR TO DOOR TO GATHER NEEDED SIGNATURES ON ALL NECESSARY FORMS.THIS TEAM IS AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF CITY STAFF GOING BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY TO HELP IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR SAN JOSE.CONGRATULATIONS, TEAM.

>> LAST YEAR THE DWPT OF TRANSPORTATION TRAFFIC TEAM SECURED 15 MILLION IN GRANTS.THE GRANTS WERE USED TO REDUCE CONGESTION ON CORRIDORS AND FREEWAY SYSTEM AND HELP THE TRAFFIC SYSTEM.THE RESULT WAS A TRAVEL TIME SAVINGS OF 15 PERCENT AND THE REDUCTION OF THE FUEL CONSUMPTION AND EMISSIONS.THE TEAM DID THIS WHILE HAVING A SAFE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM THROUGH THE CITY'S 900 TRAFFIC SIGNALS AND COMMUNICATION INFRASTRUCTURE.CONGRATULATIONS TO THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL FLOW MANAGEMENT TEAM.THE FIRST EXAMPLE OF INVASION IS FROM THE OFFICERS WHO SET UP THE POLICE DEPARTMENT COVER THEFT STING OPERATION.IN 06 THE DEPARTMENT INITIATED AN UNDERCOVER STING TO GET COPPER THEFTS IN THE CITY.IT RESULTED IN THE SEIZURE OF 75 ILLEGAL FIREARMS.ILLEGAL DRUGS.3 STOLEN VEHICLES AND EVIDENCE TO BUILD CASES ON OVER 200 SUSPECTS AS WELL AS 7 TONS OF COPPER.THEIR CLEVER PLANNING MADE NEWS STATE WIDE.CONGRATULATIONS SP JD.IN 07 THE 0 WASTE TEAM A CHUFED THE IMPOSSIBLE.FROM PARKS AND REC AND INFORMATION SERVICES, OFFICE OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS DEvised A METHOD TO A 0 WASTE SYSTEM.THEY EMPLOYED CONCEPTS AS COMBUSTIBLE GOODS AND TURN FOOD SCRAPS INTO COMPOST.97 PERCENT OF WASTE FROM THE LANDFILLS AND A SOLAR GENERATOR.CONGRATULATIONS, SPECIAL EVENTS TEAM.

>> THE A WASHED FOR CELEBRATION GOES TO THE PROMOTERS OF EMPLOYEE RECOGNITIONS.HUMAN RESOURCES, HOUSING, TRANSPORTATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY.A PROGRAM TO RECOGNIZE EMPLOYEE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ENJOY THE WORK PLACE.THEY SPENT COUNT LITTLE HOURS DEVELOPING THE CITY'S RECOGNIZED PROGRAM.UPON TRAINING ALL DEPARTMENTS.THE FIRST EMPLOYEE NETWORK WEB PAGE AND THE RECOGNITION TOOL BOX THE EASY TO USE TOOL BOX OFFERS ONE STEP ACCESS TO ALL DEPARTMENTAL PLANS AND PROVIDES TEMPLATES AND IDEAS.

>> THE POOLS RENOVATION TEAM EMPLOYED INVASION, COLLABORATION, COMMUNITY OUT REACH AND THE REFUSAL TO BE STOPPED IN ORDER TO GET THE JOB DONE.THIS GROUP SCOPED PROJECTS WHILE ENGAGING COMMUNITY GROUPS AND REGULATORY AGENCIES.THEY OPENED 3 RENOVATED POOLS IN TIME FOR THE 08 SUMMER SEASON.CONGRATULATIONS, TEAM.

>> 2008 SAW A RECORD NUMBER OF EXTREME EVENTS.THESE EVENTS PROVIDING SHELTER FOR RESIDENTS.THE 12 MEMBERS OF THE COOLING SERNLT TEAM CREATED THE SYSTEM FOR THE COOLING CENTERS THROUGHOUT THE CITY AND ALERT CITY RESIDENTS TO THE LOCATIONS WHILE DISTRIBUTING INFORMATION.THEIR EFFORT ESTABLISHED A MOBILIZATION SYSTEM THAT WILL SERVE THE COMMUNITY IN OTHER EMERGENCIES.MOST IMPORTANTLY, THEIR EFFORTS SAVE LIVES.CONGRATULATIONS TO THE COOLING CENTER TEAM.IF YOU

REMOVE 76 TONS OF TRASH FROM STORM DRAINS AND RIVERS AND CREEKS, WHAT DO YOU GET? A CLEANER, SAFER ENVIRONMENT. TRASH PREVENTION AND REMOVAL TEAM REMOVED AND KEEPING TRASH OUT OF CREEKS, RIVERS AND STORM DRAINS. LAST YEAR THE TEAM REMOVED TRASH AND LARGE ILLEGALLY DISCHARGED ITEMS SUCH AS FURNITURE, SHOPPING CARTS AND VEHICLE PARTS. WE OWE THE TRASH PREVENTION REMOVAL TEAM FOR AN IMPROVED ENVIRONMENT. CONGRATULATIONS, TEAM.

>> THE AWARD FOR RESPECT GOES TO THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT ELECTRICAL TEAM. A TEAM OF 10 CITY EMPLOYEES WHO UNDERSTAND PUBLIC SERVICE. FOR THE PAST 5 YEARS THEY OPERATED AND MAINTAINED LARGE, COMPLEX, ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM. THEIR FIELD EXPERTISE AND HARD WORK HAS IMPROVED THE RELIABILITY OF THE ELECTRICAL SYSTEM WHILE REDUCING THE FREQUENCY OF POWER OUTAGES AND SYSTEM FAILURES. THEY SAVED RESIDENTS MILLIONS IN ENERGY, CAPITAL EXPENDITURES AND MAINTENANCE COSTS. CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT ELECTRICAL TEAM. CITY MANAGER AND THE ENTIRE CITY ORGANIZATION WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE A SPECIAL CITY EMPLOYEE WHO THROUGHOUT HER 20 YEARS OF SERVICE HAS GONE ABOVE THE CALL OF DUTY. RITA BEGAN HER CAREER WITH SAN JOSE IN TOM MC HENRY'S OFFICE SUPPORTING HIS BUDGET DIRECT FOR 6 YEARS. WILL FOLLOWING HER MOVE TO THE CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE WE APPOINTED A DEPARTMENT CITY MANAGER AND ADVANCED TO BE THE CITY MANAGER ASSISTANCE. DURING THE PAST 11 YEARS, SHE SUPPORTED 4 CITY MANAGERS WITH UNPARALLELED LEVEL OF PROFESSIONALISM AND COMMITMENT. HER INSTITUTIONAL KNOWLEDGE, ATTENTION TO DETAIL AND SUPPORT FOR OUR CITY AND RESIDENTS MADE HER A VALUED AND RESPECTED EMPLOYEE. CONGRATULATIONS RITA MC GRATH.

EMMETT CARSON: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THESE ARE PEOPLE WHOSE EFFORTS MAKE SAN JOSÉ A TERRIFIC CITY AND HELP MAKE LIFE BETTER FOR MANY RESIDENTS. WILL THE PRIDE OF SAN JOSÉ HONOREES PLEASE STAND. LET'S THANK THEM FOR THEIR GREAT WORK WITH A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE] [APPLAUSE]

TERESA ALVARADO: ANNUALLY, THIS STATE OF THE CITY CELEBRATION HONORS RESIDENTS WHO HAVE ENGAGED IN GENEROUS SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY, OFTEN BEHAVING IN EXEMPLARY WAYS THAT TRULY DESERVE OUR THANKS. THESE HONOREES ARE SELECTED BY EACH COUNCIL DISTRICT. AS WE READ THE NAMES OF THE RECIPIENTS, THE RESPECTIVE COUNCILMEMBER WILL JOIN THE HONOREES OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES IN FRONT OF THE STAGE TO PRESENT THEM WITH A SPECIAL AWARD.

EMMETT CARSON: FOR DISTRICT 1, COUNCILMEMBER PETE CONSTANT IS HONORING BETHEL CHURCH. BETHEL CHURCH, LOCATED ON WINCHESTER BOULEVARD, HAS SHOWN WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR. OPENING ITS DOORS TO THE BROADER COMMUNITY, BETHEL CHURCH HOSTS EVENTS LIKE THE ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD APPRECIATION DAY AND THE WINCHESTER BOULEVARD MASTER PLAN KICK-OFF, PROVIDES VOLUNTEERS FOR A VARIETY OF COMMUNITY ENDEAVORS, AND PROACTIVELY SEEKS OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE.

TERESA ALVARADO: FOR DISTRICT 2, COUNCILMEMBER ASH KALRA PAYS TRIBUTE TO THE HAYES NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION AND HAYES MANSION REPRESENTED BY MANUEL SOUZA, PRESIDENT, HAYES NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, AND CEDRIC FASBENDER, GENERAL MANAGER, DOLCE HAYES MANSION. THE HAYES NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION AND DOLCE HAYES MANSION HAVE WORKED IN PARTNERSHIP TO BUILD A BETTER COMMUNITY AND ENCOURAGE NEIGHBORHOOD INVOLVEMENT. THEIR YEARS OF SUCCESSFUL PARTNERSHIP RESULTED IN ONE OF THE CITY'S MOST SUCCESSFUL "NATIONAL NIGHT OUT" EVENTS IN 2008, DRAWING A CROWD IN EXCESS OF SEVEN HUNDRED. THE HAYES MANSION GENEROUSLY HOSTS THE HAYES NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION'S MONTHLY MEETINGS.

EMMETT CARSON: FOR DISTRICT 3, COUNCILMEMBER SAM LICCARDO WILL HONOR GRACE BAPTIST COMMUNITY CENTER, REPRESENTED BY LISA BLEVINS, THERAPEUTIC SERVICES MANAGER. FOR MORE THAN 30 YEARS, GRACE BAPTIST COMMUNITY CENTER HAS SERVED THE DIVERSE COMMUNITY OF DOWNTOWN SAN JOSÉ WITH A COMMITMENT TO THE VULNERABLE AND OVERLOOKED. GRACE BAPTIST PARTNERS WITH THE CITY TO PROVIDE PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS WITH MENTAL CHALLENGES, INCLUDING SOCIALIZATION, RECREATION, EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES TO MORE THAN 100 PEOPLE. [APPLAUSE]

TERESA ALVARADO: FOR DISTRICT 4, COUNCILMEMBER KANSEN CHU WILL HONOR SANTA VISITS ALVISO IN 1983, ALVISO SUFFERED A DEVASTATING FLOOD, AND JOE GUADALUPE SANTIAGO SR. AND HIS WIFE JUDY SANTIAGO TO BRING CHRISTMAS TO DISPLACED FAMILIES. THIS ALL-VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION PROVIDES EDUCATIONAL GIFTS ALONG WITH THE JOY AND SPIRIT OF

CHRISTMAS TO HUNDREDS OF CHILDREN.THEY ALSO FUND SCHOLARSHIPS, AS WELL AS SUPPORT THE ALVISO SOCCER PROGRAM AND WILCOX HIGH SCHOOL'S GIRLS SOCCER PROGRAM.[APPLAUSE]EMMETT CARSON: FOR DISTRICT 5, COUNCILMEMBER NORA CAMPOS WILL HONOR GABRIELLE GAMEZ AND MARLENE BJORNSRUD.THESE HONOREES ARE CONNECTING GIRLS AND WOMEN WITH SPORTS AND EXERCISE, LEADING TO HEALTHIER LIVES AND A HEALTHIER COMMUNITY.SEVENTEEN-YEAR OLD GABRIELLE GAMEZ, THE DAUGHTER OF A SAN JOSÉ POLICE OFFICER, FOUNDED THE SHOOTING STARS BASKETBALL PROGRAM, A FREE BASKETBALL AND LIFE-SKILLS CAMP FOR AT-RISK GIRLS.MARLENE BJORNSRUD, CEO OF THE NONPROFIT BAY AREA WOMEN'S SPORTS INITIATIVE, WORKS WITH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GIRLS AND, IN THE MAYFAIR NEIGHBORHOOD, WITH WOMEN -- ALL WITH A GOAL OF GETTING FIT.THERESA'S ORGANIZATION PROVIDING THE FUNDING FOR THIS PROGRAM.

>> TERESA ALVARADO: FOR DISTRICT 6, COUNCILMEMBER PIERLUIGI OLIVERIO HAS SELECTED TO HONOR THE FRIENDS OF THE SAN JOSÉ ROSE GARDEN.WORKING TO MOBILIZE A LEGION OF VOLUNTEERS TO REVITALIZE THE HISTORIC SAN JOSÉ MUNICIPAL ROSE GARDEN, THE FRIENDS OF THE SAN JOSÉ ROSE GARDEN HAVE BROUGHT THIS CIVIC TREASURE BACK TO LIFE.WITH HUNDREDS OF VOLUNTEERS AND A PARTNERSHIP WITH CITY STAFF, THE FRIENDS HAVE WORKED TO HELP THE ROSE GARDEN REGAIN NATIONAL CERTIFICATION AND ITS STATUS AS A PREMIERE PLACE TO STOP AND SMELL THE ROSES.[APPLAUSE]EMMETT CARSON: FOR DISTRICT 7, COUNCILMEMBER MADISON NGUYEN WILL HONOR THE LANAI CUNNINGHAM NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION REPRESENTED BY GLORIA RIVERA, PRESIDENT, AND RUBEN DOMINQUEZ, VICE PRESIDENT.I'M SORRY.WHY DON'T YOU SAY THAT.ALFONSO MENDEZ IS THE VICE PRESIDENT.THANK YOU FOR THAT CORRECTION.FORMED IN 1992, THE LANAI CUNNINGHAM NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION HAS BEAUTIFIED AND IMPROVED THE NEIGHBORHOOD THROUGH ITS MANY TREE AND DAFFODIL PLANTINGS, AND NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UPS.

SUCCESSFUL "NATIONAL NIGHT OUT" AND CULTURAL EVENTS HAVE HELPED GET NEIGHBORS CONNECTED AND INVOLVED.THE ASSOCIATION HAS TEAMED UP WITH SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK TO PROVIDE 150 NEIGHBORHOOD FAMILIES WITH FOOD EACH MONTH.[APPLAUSE]TERESA ALVARADO: FOR DISTRICT 8, COUNCILMEMBER ROSE HERRERA WILL HONOR JIM ZITO.JIM ZITO HAS WORKED EXTENSIVELY OVER THE YEARS TO HELP GUIDE GOOD LAND USE PLANNING BOTH FOR DISTRICT 8, THROUGH HIS WORK ON THE EVERGREEN EAST HILLS VISION STRATEGY, AND CITYWIDE, THROUGH HIS WORK ON THE CITY OF SAN JOSÉ'S PLANNING COMMISSION, WHICH HE CURRENTLY CHAIRS.JIM HELPED CREATE AND CHAIRS THE DISTRICT 8 COMMUNITY ROUND TABLE.[APPLAUSE]EMMETT CARSON: FOR DISTRICT 9, COUNCILMEMBER JUDY CHIRCO IS HONORING THE DREAMLAND BOXING FOUNDERS, SARGE AND MARIA NEELEMAN.SARGE AND MARIA NEELEMAN ARE THE FOUNDERS OF DREAMLAND BOXING.THEY STARTED WITH A VISION TO CREATE A FUN, STRUCTURED ENVIRONMENT TO SHARE THEIR PASSION FOR BOXING WITH LOCAL YOUTH.DREAMLAND BOXING IS A NON-PROFIT PROGRAM, OFFERING A POSITIVE, DISCIPLINED, AND CONSTRUCTIVE BOXING ENVIRONMENT THAT GIVES THE PARTICIPANTS THE OPTION OF COMPETING OR PRACTICING JUST FOR

FUN.[APPLAUSE]TERESA ALVARADO: FOR DISTRICT 10, COUNCILMEMBER NANCY PYLE WILL HONOR SAN JOSÉ PREPARED VOLUNTEERS.THEY ARE REPRESENTED BY DAVID BUSHMAN, JAMES FOWLER, ALEX FRASER, YVETTE GALINDO, SCARLETT LAM, DON MUGER, REBECCA WANG AND YVONNE WONG.VOLUNTEERS WITH THE SAN JOSÉ PREPARED! TRAIN THE TRAINER PROGRAM ARE HELPING KEEP RESIDENTS SAFE IN CASE DISASTER STRIKES.WORKING WITH THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES, THESE VOLUNTEERS TRAIN OTHERS TO TEACH LIFE-SAVING METHODS AND SPREAD DISASTER-PREPAREDNESS THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY.THE TRAINING CLASSES ARE TAUGHT IN ENGLISH, SPANISH, VIETNAMESE, AND SOON THEY WILL ALSO BE TAUGHT IN MANDARIN.[APPLAUSE] WE WILL ASK THE RECIPIENTS TO COME UP FROM DISTRICT ONE TO TAKE A PHOTO.WE MOVED TOO QUICKLY LAST TIME, THANK YOU.[APPLAUSE]EMMETT CARSON: PLEASE THANK THESE DISTINGUISHED HONOREES, TRUE COMMUNITY HEROES, ONE MORE TIME.JOIN ME WITH ANOTHER ROUND OF APPLAUSE THEORY THESE

HONOREES.[APPLAUSE]TERESA ALVARADO: IT IS AN HONOR NOW TO INTRODUCE TO YOU TO THE CEO OF A COMPANY THAT IS DEFINING CLEAN TECH INNOVATION HERE IN SAN JOSÉ AND HELPING MAKE SAN JOSÉ'S GREEN VISION REALITY.PLEASE WELCOME THE DISTINGUISHED CEO OF SUNPOWER CORPORATION.PLEASE WELCOME, MR.TOM WERNER.[APPLAUSE] I MADE HER ADD THE TRIATHLETE PART.I DIDN'T REALIZE SHE CHANGED MY NAME TO ON TIM.[LAUGHTER].TOM WERNER: THANK YOU FOR THAT INTRODUCTION.CONGRATULATIONS TO

THE OUTSTANDING RESIDENTS THAT HAVE BEEN RECOGNIZED THIS MORNING.AND, THANK YOU TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR YOUR WORK THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.IT'S AN HONOR TO BE THE FIRST CEO TO INTRODUCE MAYOR REED AT HIS "STATE OF THE CITY" EVENT.BECAUSE, AS WE ALL KNOW, BEING A BIG CITY MAYOR IS A LOT LIKE BEING THE CEO OF A PUBLICLY TRADED COMPANY.WE BOTH HAVE BUDGETS TO WORRY ABOUT (ESPECIALLY IN THIS ECONOMY) AND A PUBLIC CONSTITUENCY THAT ISN'T SHY ABOUT FEEDBACK.MANY HERE TODAY TOLD ME THEY WOULD LIKE OUR STOCK PRICES TO GO UP.[LAUGHTER].MAYORS AND CEOS ALSO HAVE TO BE LEADERS; THEY HAVE TO HAVE VISION.MINE IS TO CONTINUE BUILDING A WORLD-CLASS SOLAR BUSINESS THAT IS GOOD FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND GOOD FOR SHAREHOLDERS.MAYOR REED WANTS TO CONTINUE TO BUILD A WORLD-CLASS CITY AND HIS GREEN VISION IS NOT ONLY GOOD FOR ALL THE CITY'S RESIDENTS, BUT IT ALSO IS SETTING THE EXAMPLE FOR GOVERNMENT EVERYWHERE.WE TALKED AS HE WAS FIRST DEVELOPING THAT VISION AND I'VE GOTTEN TO KNOW THE MAYOR BETTER OVER THE PAST COUPLE OF YEARS.WE WORKED TOGETHER ON THE BART MEASURE, TAKEN IN A HOCKEY GAME WITH OUR WIVES AND EVEN RUN THE SILICON VALLEY TURKEY TROT TOGETHER. AND WHILE MAYOR REED HAS A GREAT NUMBER OF ATTRIBUTES, ONE I DON'T HEAR MUCH ABOUT IS HIS PERSEVERANCE.THE HOCKEY GAME WE ATTENDED WAS ON A SATURDAY AND AFTERWARD HE HAD FOUR MORE EVENTS TO GO TO.I THOUGHT MY SCHEDULE WAS TOUGH UNTIL I HEARD THAT.TURNS OUT A STRETCH GOAL FOR THE MAYOR IS TO HAVE ONE DAY OFF IN EVERY 14. (DON'T TELL MY BOARD.)MAYOR REED ALSO RECOGNIZES THE VALUE OF WORKING WITH LOCAL BUSINESSES AND IN WORKING TO GET MORE BUSINESSES INTO THE CITY.THE RECENT SUCCESSFUL EFFORT TO LAND TESLA IS A GOOD EXAMPLE.AND HE KNOWS THE VALUE OF THE GREAT STRENGTH OF SAN JOSÉ'S ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT.UNLIKE SOME OTHERS IN GOVERNMENT - PRESENT COMPANY EXCLUDED, OF COURSE - HE UNDERSTANDS BUSINESS AND THAT IS GOING TO HELP THIS CITY'S ECONOMY.I'M PROUD OF THE FACT THAT LIKE MANY OF THE LEADING BUSINESSES - AND MANY RESIDENTS - IN SILICON VALLEY, THE CITY OF SAN JOSÉ CHOSE SUNPOWER AS ITS SOLAR PROVIDER FOR THE TECH MUSEUM OF INNOVATION.JUST A BLOCK AWAY FROM HERE IS A 185-KILOWATT SYSTEM THAT IS THE FIRST ON A DOWNTOWN SAN JOSÉ BUILDING.I KNOW THE MAYOR EXPECTS MORE TO FOLLOW THE TECH'S LEAD.[APPLAUSE]MANY OF YOU PROBABLY HEARD OR READ ABOUT PRESIDENT-ELECT OBAMA TALK LAST WEEK ABOUT HIS PLAN FOR A NATIONAL CLEAN ENERGY ECONOMY.UNDER MAYOR REED'S LEADERSHIP IT'S WELL UNDERWAY IN SAN JOSÉ.MAYOR REED.[APPLAUSE]MAYOR CHUCK REED: (DELIVERS STATE OF THE CITY SPEECH) EMMETT CARSON: TERESA, THANK YOU FOR THE PLEASURE OF SHARING THE HOSTING DUTIES WITH YOU.AND THANK YOU FOR BEING SUCH A GRACIOUS AUDIENCE.THANKS FOR MAKING SAN JOSE THE WORLD'S MOST SUFFICIENT SOLAR CELL.[APPLAUSE] THAT'S A WORLD BEST.THAT'S ALL WE EXPECT.I WANT TO CONGRATULATE ALL OF OUR COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS AND EMPLOYEES THAT WERE HONORED.THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU DO TO MAKE SAN JOSE A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE, WORK AND RAISE A FAMILY.GOOD MORNING.WELCOME EVERYONE.THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING SAN JOSÉ'S COMMUNITY BREAKFAST.THANK YOU TOM WERNER FOR THE INTRODUCTION AND FOR LEADING ONE OF OUR PREMIER CLEAN TECH COMPANIES.THANKS FOR MAKING SAN JOSÉ THE HOME OF THE WORLD'S MOST EFFICIENT SOLAR CELL.CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS AND CITY EMPLOYEES WHO WERE JUST HONORED.THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING YOU DO TO MAKE SAN JOSÉ A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE, WORK AND RAISE A FAMILY.LET'S GIVE THEM ANOTHER ROUND OF APPLAUSE.AND I WANT TO THANK OUR EMCEES, TERESA ALVARADO AND EMMETT CARSON.TERESA, THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AT THE HISPANIC FOUNDATION AND IN WORKING WITH THE CITY TO FORGE A NEW FUTURE FOR THE MEXICAN HERITAGE PLAZA.EMMETT, THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK AT THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AND FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR CRITICAL BALLOT MEASURES IN NOVEMBER.THANKS TO ALL OF THE ELECTED OFFICIALS WHO HAVE JOINED US THIS MORNING.AND CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW SUPERVISORS GEORGE SHIRAKAWA AND DAVE CORTESE.WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU IN THE YEAR AHEAD. PEOPLE OFTEN EXPRESS THEIR CONCERNS TO ME ABOUT THE DIFFICULTY OF BEING MAYOR IN THESE TOUGH TIMES.WHILE I DON'T UNDERESTIMATE THE MAGNITUDE OF OUR CHALLENGES, I WOULD NOT TRADE MY PROBLEMS FOR THE PROBLEMS OF ANY OTHER BIG CITY MAYOR IN THE COUNTRY.WE ARE BETTER OFF IN SO MANY WAYS THAN MANY OTHER BIG CITIES.AS ONE OF AMERICA'S SAFEST AND MOST DIVERSE BIG CITIES, WE ARE A BEACON OF PEACE AND PROSPERITY THAT SHOWS WHAT CAN HAPPEN WHEN PEOPLE

FOCUS ON WHAT THEY HAVE IN COMMON RATHER THAN THEIR DIFFERENCES.THE INNOVATIONS THAT HAVE COME OUT OF OUR COLLECTIVE EFFORTS HAVE CHANGED THE WORLD.WHAT WE DO HERE IS IMPORTANT.IT MUST CONTINUE, AND IT WILL.SAN JOSÉ WILL REMAIN THE CAPITAL OF SILICON VALLEY, AND SILICON VALLEY WILL REMAIN THE INNOVATION CENTER OF THE WORLD.I HAVE SAID IT BEFORE AND I WILL SAY IT AGAIN: THE BEST DAYS OF SAN JOSÉ AND THE BEST DAYS OF SILICON VALLEY ARE AHEAD OF US.[APPLAUSE] I SAY THAT AGAINST THE BACKDROP OF A STATE IN FISCAL FAILURE AND A NATION FACING ITS WORST ECONOMIC CHALLENGES IN GENERATIONS.SO IT MAY SEEM IMPOSSIBLE FOR OUR BEST DAYS TO BE AHEAD OF US.BUT SAN JOSÉ AND SILICON VALLEY HAVE SURVIVED MANY ECONOMIC DOWNTURNS.OUR ABILITY TO INNOVATE HAS PULLED US OUT OF ECONOMIC SLUMPS AND MADE US STRONGER.IN THE EARLY '70S, THE DEFENSE INDUSTRY TANKED.BUT OUT OF THAT RECESSION, WE BEGAN TO COMMERCIALIZE THE USE OF INTEGRATED CIRCUITS AND STARTED A NEW WAVE OF INNOVATION IN SILICON CHIPS.IN THE EARLY '80S, THE SEMICONDUCTOR INDUSTRY WENT INTO RECESSION.OUT OF THAT CRISIS, WE MOVED FROM CHIPS INTO MICROPROCESSORS AND LAUNCHED ANOTHER WAVE OF INNOVATION IN PERSONAL COMPUTERS.IN THE LATER '80S AND EARLY '90S, MORE THAN A THOUSAND SAVINGS AND LOANS WENT BROKE OR WERE TAKEN OVER BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN THE GREATEST COLLAPSE OF U.S. FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS SINCE THE GREAT DEPRESSION.SOUND FAMILIAR?A RECESSION FOLLOWED, AND THE FUTURE LOOKED MIGHTY GRIM.MANY PEOPLE SAID THERE WAS SOMETHING FUNDAMENTALLY WRONG WITH OUR REGION'S ECONOMY, THAT WE'D NEVER RECOVER.YET, OUT OF THAT RECESSION, SILICON VALLEY TURNED THE ARPANET INTO THE INTERNET AND THE DOT-COM ERA WAS LAUNCHED.WHEN THE DOT-COM BOOM WENT BUST, WE CONTINUED TO INNOVATE AND GROW.SO ... EVEN THOUGH THERE'S A LOT OF BAD NEWS IN THE ECONOMY, WE'VE BEEN THROUGH THIS BEFORE.NOW WE CAN SEE A NEW WAVE OF INNOVATION THAT IS CHANGING THE WAY THE WORLD PRODUCES AND USES ENERGY.WILL CLEAN TECHNOLOGY BE THE NEXT NEW THING THAT DRIVES OUR ECONOMY FORWARD?AS YOGI BERRA IS RUMORED TO HAVE SAID "IT'S TOUGH TO MAKE PREDICTIONS, ESPECIALLY ABOUT THE FUTURE." BUT YOU CAN BE CERTAIN THAT INNOVATION WILL ONCE AGAIN LEAD US OUT OF TOUGH TIMES.THERE ARE MANY THINGS THAT SAN JOSÉ MUST DO TO HELP THAT HAPPEN, LIKE MAKING SURE OUR DRIVING INDUSTRIES STAY HERE AND GROW HERE.WE HAVE TO BE THE BEST PLACE IN THE WORLD TO START AND GROW A BUSINESS, AND WE HAVE TO BUILD THE INFRASTRUCTURE TO ALLOW BUSINESSES TO SUCCEED.AND WE ARE ALREADY DOING THAT.LET'S TAKE A LOOK BACK. SINCE TAKING OFFICE I'VE MET WITH MORE THAN 100 SILICON VALLEY CEOS TO MAKE SURE THEY KNOW WE APPRECIATE THEIR BUSINESS AND WE WANT THEM TO STAY HERE.LET ME GIVE YOU ONE EXAMPLE OF WHY I HAVE THOSE MEETINGS.A LITTLE OVER A YEAR AGO, I MET WITH MICHAEL KLAYKO, THE CEO OF BROCADE, AND LEARNED THAT BROCADE WAS CONSIDERING A MOVE OUT OF SAN JOSÉ.I ASKED FOR A CHANCE TO FIGURE OUT A WAY TO HELP THEM STAY IN SAN JOSÉ.HE SAID "YES," AND WE PUT TOGETHER A GREAT TEAM OF REDEVELOPMENT AND CITY STAFF TO WORK THE PROBLEM.OUR TEAM FOUND A SITE THAT WAS NOT ON THE MARKET, PROCESSED THE PERMITS QUICKLY, AND PUT TOGETHER A PACKAGE OF INCENTIVES THAT THE COUNCIL APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.TODAY HUNDREDS OF CONSTRUCTION WORKERS ARE ON THE JOB BUILDING A NEW HEADQUARTERS FOR BROCADE ON NORTH FIRST STREET FOR THOUSANDS OF EMPLOYEES.(THANK YOU, MICHAEL KLAYKO.)[APPLAUSE] WE APPRECIATE THAT.[APPLAUSE] MICHAEL HAS A BILLION DOLLARS REVENUE PER COMPANY AND WE ARE DELIGHTED TO HAVE HIM IN SAN JOSE.YOU ALL KNOW FROM THE DAILY NEWS REPORTS THAT LAYOFFS ARE SPREADING, BUT MANY COMPANIES ARE STILL CREATING JOBS.WE REALLY APPRECIATE THE PEOPLE WHO CREATE JOBS.IN THE AUZ YENS --IF YOU ARE THE OWNER OR THE CEO OF A COMPANY, LARGE OR SMALL, OR IF YOU ARE ON THE BOARD OF AN ORGANIZATION WORKING TO HELP BUSINESSES CREATE JOBS, PLEASE STAND AND BE RECOGNIZED.THANK YOU.[APPLAUSE] TOM, THANK YOU.[APPLAUSE] OVER THE PAST YEAR, OUR COMPANIES CREATED MORE THAN 1,500 CLEANTECH JOBS IN SAN JOSÉ.THAT'S A NICE INSTALLMENT ON OUR GREEN VISION GOAL OF 25,000 JOBS.OUR LIST OF CLEANTECH COMPANIES CONTINUES TO GROW INCLUDING SUN POWER, NANOSOLAR, SOLOPOWER, STION, SUNWIZE, SOPOGY, FAT SPANIEL, AND SVTC.WHEN UNDERWRITERS LABORATORIES WAS LOOKING FOR A HOME FOR A SOLAR TESTING FACILITY, SAN JOSÉ WAS THE IDEAL PLACE TO LOCATE, AND THE BEST SOLAR TESTING FACILITY IN THE COUNTRY IS NOW UP AND RUNNING.IN HAD SAN JOSE.[APPLAUSE]WITH THE SUPPORT OF OUR STATE

LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION AND THE GOVERNOR WE GOT AB 2466 ENACTED TO ALLOW GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO INSTALL A SOLAR SYSTEM ON ONE FACILITY AND USE THE POWER AT ANOTHER FACILITY.WE WORKED WITH SOLARTECH AND OUR FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION, TO OBTAIN AN EXTENSION OF ALTERNATIVE ENERGY TAX CREDITS, WHICH GAVE A BIG BOOST TO OUR CLEANTECH COMPANIES. LAST YEAR OUR RETAIL STRATEGY BEGAN TO PAY OFF WITH LOWE'S AND COSTCO OPENING NEW STORES, SANTANA ROW EXPANDING, AND THE PLANT REACHING 90% OCCUPANCY.IF YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE PLANT, IT'S A MAJOR SHOPPING CENTER ON CURTNER JUST OFF 87.CHECK IT OUT.REMEMBER - SHOPPING IN SAN JOSÉ KEEPS YOUR SALES TAX DOLLARS IN SAN JOSÉ.AND WE NEED THOSE BUCKS.AND BY THE WAY, IF WE HAD NOT TURNED DOWN REQUESTS TO CONVERT THE LAND INTO HOUSING, THE NEW LOWE'S AND COSTCO STORES WOULD NOT HAVE HAPPENED.OUR NEW POLICY TO PRESERVE EMPLOYMENT LANDS IS MOVING US IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, CREATING JOBS AND GENERATING TAX REVENUES.[APPLAUSE] LAST YEAR WAS A BANNER YEAR FOR TRANSPORTATION AS WELL.THE PEOPLE OF SAN JOSÉ AND SANTA CLARA COUNTY MADE A MAJOR STATEMENT WITH A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE IN OUR FUTURE BY APPROVING MEASURE B TO EXTEND AND CONNECT BART TO SILICON VALLEY.[APPLAUSE]CALIFORNIANS ALSO GAVE THEIR SUPPORT FOR HIGH-SPEED RAIL, AND SAN JOSÉ WILL BECOME A MAJOR TRANSPORTATION HUB FOR THE STATE.(CARL GUARDINO AND THE SILICON VALLEY LEADERSHIP GROUP - THANKS FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP.)[APPLAUSE]WE RECEIVED MAJOR GRANTS FROM THE STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS THAT WILL ALLOW US TO BUILD A NEW BAGGAGE SCREENING SYSTEM AT THE AIRPORT, SYNCHRONIZE OUR TRAFFIC SIGNALS, IMPROVE HIGHWAY 101 IN SOUTH SAN JOSÉ, AND START EVALUATING PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE PEOPLE MOVER AT THE AIRPORT. LAST YEAR ALSO SHOWED WHAT CAN HAPPEN WHEN WE WORK TOGETHER TO SOLVE PROBLEMS.BY COLLABORATING WITH THE COUNTY ON DESTINATION HOME, AN INNOVATIVE PROGRAM TO END CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS, WE NOW SEE A FUTURE WHERE NO ONE LIVES ON THE STREETS OR IN THE CREEKS OF SAN JOSÉ.(SUPERVISOR DON GAGE - THANKS FOR CO-CHAIRING THIS EFFORT WITH ME.)[APPLAUSE]BY COLLABORATING WITH GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER ON BANK ON SAN JOSÉ, WE HAVE CREATED OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL RESIDENTS TO BEGIN TO SAVE SOME OF WHAT THEY EARN, AND NOT HAVE TO PAY EXORBITANT CHECK CASHING FEES.(CAROLE LEIGH HUTTON AND UNITED WAY - THANKS FOR TAKING THE LEAD IN IMPLEMENTATION.)[APPLAUSE]BY COLLABORATING WITH THE MAYORS OF SAN FRANCISCO AND OAKLAND, WE LAUNCHED THE BAY AREA CLIMATE CHANGE COMPACT TO ENCOURAGE EVERY LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT TO ESTABLISH GOALS TO HELP SOLVE ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS AND SUPPORT CLEAN TECH INNOVATION.BY COLLABORATING WITH BUSINESSES, WE MADE IMPROVEMENTS IN OUR PERMITTING PROCESS, AND WE WERE ABLE TO WORK AT THE SPEED OF BUSINESS TO ENSURE THAT GROWING COMPANIES WERE ABLE TO DO SO IN SAN JOSÉ.(PAT DANDO AND THE SAN JOSÉ SILICON VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - THANKS FOR STAYING ENGAGED TO HELP US GET BETTER.)[APPLAUSE]WE WORKED IN OUR SCHOOLS/CITY COLLABORATIVE WITH 19 SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND THE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO INCREASE JOINT USE OF FACILITIES, ENHANCE STUDENT SAFETY, AND HELP RECRUIT TEACHERS.UNFORTUNATELY, OUR SCHOOLS ARE LOOKING AT HEART-WRENCHING BUDGET CUTS.IF YOUR COMPANY WOULD LIKE TO GET CONNECTED TO A DISTRICT OR A SCHOOL TO HELP OUT, LIKE NVIDIA DID WITH ITS EXTREME MAKE OVER DAY AT OVERFELT, OUR SCHOOLS/CITY COLLABORATIVE IS AVAILABLE TO MAKE THE CONNECTION.CALL ME. OVER THE LAST YEAR, WE CONTINUED WITH OUR OPEN GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES.WE BUILT ON THE REED REFORMS.WE ADOPTED RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SUNSHINE REFORM TASK FORCE.WE ENGAGED OUR COMMUNITY IN MEANINGFUL COLLABORATION ON THE BUDGET AND PUBLIC SAFETY.THOUSANDS OF OUR RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES GOT DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN SETTING OUR BUDGET PRIORITIES AND CREATING A NEW STRATEGY TO REDUCE GANG VIOLENCE.WE BROUGHT HUNDREDS OF FAITH LEADERS TOGETHER TO HELP US DEAL WITH HOMELESSNESS, GANG PROBLEMS, AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, AND IMPLEMENT OUR GREEN VISION. 2008 ALSO WAS A YEAR IN WHICH WE BEGAN TO SEE SIGNIFICANT RESULTS FROM OUR INVESTMENTS IN PUBLIC SAFETY.FIRST, OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT GREW A LITTLE.IN THE TEN YEARS BEFORE I TOOK OFFICE, OUR POPULATION INCREASED BY 10%, CALLS FOR SERVICE INCREASED BY 30% AND THE DEPARTMENT BUDGET INCREASED BY 60%, YET THE NUMBER OF POLICE OFFICERS ONLY INCREASED BY 2%.AS EMERGENCY CALLS INCREASED,

OFFICERS WERE MOVED INTO PATROL, TAKING RESOURCES AWAY FROM INVESTIGATING AND SOLVING PROPERTY CRIMES. IN 2006, WE HAD A 25% JUMP IN AUTO THEFTS AND BURGLARIES, WHICH DROPPED US A FEW RUNGS FROM TOP OF THE LIST OF AMERICA'S SAFEST BIG CITIES. THAT'S WHY I'VE WORKED HARD TO FIND FUNDS TO ADD OFFICERS TO THE FORCE AND IMPROVE OUR RECRUITING. THE 15 ADDITIONAL POLICE OFFICERS WE AUTHORIZED IN THE 2007 BUDGET BECAME STREET READY LAST YEAR, AND THE 25 ADDITIONAL OFFICERS WE AUTHORIZED IN THE 2008 BUDGET WILL SOON BE IN THE ACADEMY. LAST YEAR WE ALSO SAW SOME SIGNIFICANT REDUCTIONS IN GANG VIOLENCE. GANG ACTIVITY STARTED GOING UP IN 2004, AND WHEN I TOOK OFFICE IT WAS CLEAR TO ME THAT WE NEED TO TAKE DECISIVE ACTION. IN 2007, WE INCREASED FUNDING FOR THE MAYOR'S GANG PREVENTION TASK FORCE FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 1999. THAT MADE IT POSSIBLE TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR MANY OF THE COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS WHO DO A GREAT JOB KEEPING KIDS AWAY FROM GANGS, GETTING KIDS OUT OF GANGS, AND REDUCING VIOLENCE IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS. LAST YEAR, GANG VIOLENCE WAS DOWN BY MORE THAN 20%. [APPLAUSE] THE SUPPRESSION OF GANGS ALSO RESULTED IN A DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF HOMICIDES IN 2008. TO ALL THE POLICE OFFICERS, PROSECUTORS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO RISKED THEIR LIVES TO PUT MURDEROUS GANGSTERS BEHIND BARS - THE ENTIRE CITY SAYS, "THANK YOU." EVEN WITH [APPLAUSE] THESE IMPROVEMENTS, WE ARE NOT DONE. WE STILL HAVE TOO MUCH VIOLENCE AND TOO MANY PROPERTY CRIMES. WE MUST CONTINUE TO BUILD OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT. DESPITE THE MAJOR BUDGET GAP WE SEE IN THE YEAR AHEAD, WE MUST STAY THE COURSE AND ADD 25 OFFICERS NEXT YEAR AS WE PUSH TOWARD THE GOAL OF ADDING 100 OFFICERS BY 2012. WE ALSO HAVE TO CONTINUE TO INVEST IN GANG PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION, AND I WANT TO THANK THE CITY COUNCIL FOR APPROVING HALF A MILLION DOLLARS TO EXPAND THE SAFE SUMMER INITIATIVE FOR 2009. LOTS OF THANKS GOES TO OUR COMMUNITY GROUPS AND PRNS STAFF FOR A VERY SUCCESSFUL FIRST SAFE SUMMER INITIATIVE IN 2008. MRAUZ [APPLAUSE] WE ALSO MADE MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS AND EXPANDED OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT LAST YEAR. WE RELOCATED AND EXPANDED THREE FIRE STATIONS AND BUILT AND OPENED THREE NEW FIRE STATIONS. EACH OF THOSE NEW STATIONS COST ABOUT \$2 MILLION PER YEAR FOR ADDITIONAL FIRE FIGHTERS, BUT WE NOW HAVE BETTER COVERAGE FOR FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES THAT BENEFITS THE ENTIRE CITY. ALL THINGS CONSIDERED, 2008 WAS A PRETTY GOOD YEAR, AND OUR CITY MANGER, DEBRA FIGONE, DID A GREAT JOB IN MANY AREAS. (DEB - THANKS) YES, WE HAD MANY SUCCESSES, BUT WE STILL HAVE SOME BIG PROBLEMS AHEAD OF US. BY FAR THE BIGGEST PROBLEM WE FACE IN THE COMING YEAR IS THE BUDGET. DON'T GET ME WRONG, SAN JOSÉ IS FORTUNATE - OTHER CITIES HAVE IT MUCH WORSE. WE HAVE BEEN FISCALLY PRUDENT, AND I WANT TO THANK THE PEOPLE OF SAN JOSÉ WHO SHOWED THEIR CONFIDENCE IN US BY APPROVING MEASURES J&K TO PRESERVE FUNDING FOR VITAL CITY SERVICES. WE HAD A GREAT COLLABORATIVE EFFORT WITH OUR CITY HALL UNIONS, BUSINESSES, AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS TO GET BOTH MEASURES PASSED. LAST YEAR, WE HAD A BUDGET SHORTFALL BUT WE CLOSED THE GAP AND BALANCED OUR BUDGET. WE WILL DO IT AGAIN THIS COMING YEAR. BUT AT THE CURRENT TRENDS FOR REVENUES AND EXPENSES FOR NEXT YEAR, WE WILL HAVE A GENERAL FUND BUDGET SHORTFALL OF MORE THAN \$60 MILLION. THAT'S WHY, REGRETTABLY, WE ARE PREPARING FOR LAYOFFS. \$60 MILLION IS MORE THAN THE ENTIRE BUDGET OF PARKS, RECREATION AND NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES DEPARTMENT. IT'S MORE THAN TWICE THE BUDGET FOR ALL OF OUR LIBRARIES AND IT'S THREE TIMES THE SIZE OF LAST YEAR'S SHORTFALL. AND DON'T FORGET WE STILL HAVE A DEFERRED MAINTENANCE BACKLOG OF NEARLY \$500 MILLION. SO WHAT'S DRIVING THESE NUMBERS? THERE ARE THREE MAIN FACTORS. FIRST. CAPITAL SPENDING ON NEW FACILITIES. OVER THE LAST DECADE, WE HAD HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS FROM VOTER APPROVED BONDS TO INVEST IN NEW LIBRARIES, COMMUNITY CENTERS, PARKS, AND FIRE STATIONS. THESE ARE GREAT COMMUNITY ASSETS, YET EACH ONE ADDS TO OUR ANNUAL EXPENSES FOR STAFFING AND MAINTENANCE. SECOND. GROWTH IN SALARIES AND BENEFITS HAVE OUT PACED GROWTH IN REVENUES FOR YEARS. THIS YEAR WILL SEE MORE OF THE SAME. WE HAVE CONTRACTS FOR GENERAL WAGE INCREASES WITH NEARLY ALL OF OUR UNIONS FOR THIS YEAR AT 3.75%. WHEN YOU LAYER THOSE INCREASES ON TOP OF INCREASES IN COSTS FOR RETIREMENT BENEFITS, AND HEALTH CARE BENEFITS AND STEP INCREASES, OUR PERSONNEL COSTS ARE INCREASING BY OVER 6% THIS YEAR. THAT RATE OF GROWTH IS NOT

SUSTAINABLE, AND I WANT TO THANK OUR UNIONS WHO HAVE RECOGNIZED FISCAL REALITY AND AGREED TO SMALLER WAGE INCREASES FOR NEXT YEAR. IN THESE TOUGH TIMES, WE NEED TO REACH SIMILAR AGREEMENTS WITH THE REST OF OUR UNIONS AS WELL. THIRD. THE NATIONAL ECONOMY IS DRAGGING US DOWN. MANY OF OUR REVENUE SOURCES ARE SLOWING DOWN OR SHRINKING. SALES TAXES ARE HEADED DOWN. THE RATE OF GROWTH IN PROPERTY TAXES IS SLOWING DOWN. CONSTRUCTION AND CONVEYANCE TAX COLLECTIONS THROUGH SEPTEMBER WERE DOWN A THIRD FROM LAST YEAR. OF COURSE, IF THE STATE DECIDES TO TAKE SOME OF OUR REVENUES AGAIN, MATTERS WILL BE MUCH WORSE. THE COMBINATION OF THESE THREE FACTORS, NEW FACILITIES, INCREASED PERSONNEL COSTS, AND A BAD ECONOMY, WILL DEEPEN OUR LONG TERM STRUCTURAL BUDGET DEFICIT AND MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO CLOSE THE BUDGET SHORTFALL NEXT YEAR WITHOUT MAKING HARD DECISIONS. THERE ARE SOME THINGS WE WILL JUST NOT BE ABLE TO DO ANYMORE. IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT WE CAN CLOSE THE GAP WITHOUT LAYOFFS AND SIGNIFICANT SERVICE CUTS. I AM SORRY TO SAY THAT, BUT IT IS REALITY. IN THE FACE OF SUCH CHALLENGES, WE MUST ALL WORK TOGETHER TO IDENTIFY OUR CORE SERVICES, DETERMINE OUR TOP PRIORITIES, AND CONSIDER ALTERNATIVES TO LAYOFFS. WE WILL INVOLVE OUR RESIDENTS, OUR BUSINESSES, AND OUR EMPLOYEES IN THE DISCUSSION. WE WILL HAVE OPEN COMMUNICATION AND ACT WITH COMPASSION, BUT ACT WE MUST. OUR RESIDENTS HAVE TOLD US TO CHANGE THE WAY WE DO BUSINESS TO AVOID CUTS IN SERVICES AND INCREASES IN TAXES. WE NEED OUR EMPLOYEES TO HELP US DO THAT, AND THEY ARE. OVER THE LAST 7 YEARS WE HAVE STRUGGLED TO DO MORE WITH LESS AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO. THAT'S WHY WE HAVE ONE OF THE LOWEST RATIOS OF EMPLOYEES TO RESIDENTS OF ANY BIG CITY IN THE COUNTRY. I HAVE BEEN MEETING REGULARLY WITH OUR CITY LABOR ALLIANCE. I AM IMPRESSED WITH THEIR COMMITMENT AND WILLINGNESS TO HELP SOLVE OUR PROBLEMS. OUR EMPLOYEES ARE A TALENTED GROUP WITH IDEAS WE NEED TO CONSIDER. WE HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT A NEW EMPLOYEE SUGGESTION PROGRAM. NOW'S THE TIME TO "JUST DO IT." WE NEED TO SAVE MONEY - AND WE SHOULD REWARD THOSE WHO FIND A WAY TO SAVE TAXPAYER DOLLARS BY SHARING SOME OF THE SAVINGS. IF AN EMPLOYEE OR A TEAM HAS AN IDEA THAT SAVES US A MILLION BUCKS, WE OUGHT TO REWARD THEM WITH SOMETHING SIGNIFICANT, LIKE A \$20,000 BONUS. GIVEN THE BIG FISCAL CHALLENGES FACING OUR CITY, WE MUST AGGRESSIVELY WORK FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH THAT WILL INCREASE OUR TAX REVENUES. WE CAN SWIM AGAINST THE TIDE OF THE NATIONAL RECESSION BY FOLLOWING OUR GREEN VISION AND IMPLEMENTING OUR SHORT TERM ECONOMIC STIMULUS PLAN. WE CAN DO SO BECAUSE, AS JOHN GARDNER, FOUNDER OF COMMON CAUSE, SAID, "WHAT WE HAVE BEFORE US ARE SOME BREATHTAKING OPPORTUNITIES DISGUISED AS INSOLUBLE PROBLEMS." OPPORTUNITIES FOR COUNTER-CYCLICAL INVESTMENT WILL CREATE JOBS, EVEN IN A RECESSION. WE MUST SUPPORT INITIATIVES THAT DEVELOP AND CREATE JOBS, ENCOURAGE PRIVATE SECTOR INVESTMENT, AND BUILD INFRASTRUCTURE SO THAT WE COME OUT OF THIS RECESSION STRONGER THAN EVER. WE MUST BE PREPARED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF EVERY SUCH OPPORTUNITY THAT COMES OUR WAY, AND WE NEED TO TAKE BOLD ACTION IMMEDIATELY TO MAKE SURE WE DON'T LOSE GROUND THIS YEAR. FIRST. WE MUST CAPTURE CLEANTECH GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES. MANY CLEANTECH COMPANIES WANT TO EXPAND. RIGHT NOW WE ARE WORKING WITH HALF A DOZEN COMPANIES THAT WOULD LIKE 2 MILLION SQUARE FEET OF SPACE FOR THOUSANDS OF JOBS. WE NEED TO MAKE SURE WE ARE IN THE BEST POSITION POSSIBLE TO CAPTURE THOSE JOBS. I WILL BE WORKING WITH THE CEO'S OF CLEANTECH COMPANIES TO GET THEM TO CONSIDER SAN JOSÉ. WHEN THOSE OPPORTUNITIES ARISE, OUR ENTIRE ORGANIZATION MUST OPERATE AT THE SPEED OF BUSINESS, WORKING SEAMLESSLY ACROSS THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND ALL CITY DEPARTMENTS. WE ALSO MUST HAVE A WORKFORCE THAT IS READY FOR THOSE CLEANTECH JOBS. WE WILL BRING TOGETHER UNIVERSITIES, COMMUNITY COLLEGES, LABOR, NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, AND OUR CLEAN TECH COMPANIES TO DEVELOP THE CURRICULUM TO TRAIN OUR PEOPLE FOR THE NEXT WAVE OF SILICON VALLEY INNOVATION. WE NEED TO COMPLETE THE EXPANSION OF OUR BIOCENTER SO THAT MANY NEW BIOTECH COMPANIES CAN MOVE INTO SAN JOSÉ. (CONGRATULATIONS TO HARRY MAVROGENES AND AGENCY STAFF FOR A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL INCUBATOR.) [APPLAUSE] WE WILL CONTINUE TO PUSH TO GET A PILOT MANUFACTURING FACILITY THAT WILL HELP THOSE COMPANIES GET INNOVATIONS INTO PRODUCTION. SECOND. WE NEED A CONCERTED EFFORT TO KEEP DOWNTOWN VIBRANT. WE WERE FORTUNATE TO

HAVE A SURGE IN HIGH RISE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT WITH HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF PRIVATE SECTOR INVESTMENT IN OUR DOWNTOWN.WE NEED TO HELP THOSE PROJECTS SUCCEED SO THEY FILL UP WITH NEW RESIDENTS WHO WILL PATRONIZE OUR SHOPS, RESTAURANTS, AND ARTS.EXPANDING THE CONVENTION CENTER AND REHABILITATING THE CIVIC AUDITORIUM WILL HELP, BUT WE NEED TO DO MORE.LET'S LOOK AT OUR MARKETING EFFORTS TO SEE WHERE WE CAN HELP.LET'S LOOK AT HOW WE CAN HELP BUYERS GET INTO THE MARKET.LET'S LOOK AT WHAT WE CAN DO TO IMPROVE THE NEIGHBORHOODS AROUND EACH PROJECT TO MAKE THEM MORE ATTRACTIVE, MORE INTERESTING, AND MORE WALKABLE. I AM SAD TO SAY THAT WE HAVE JUST EXPERIENCED THE LOSS OF ONE OF OUR OLDEST ARTS INSTITUTIONS, THE AMERICAN MUSICAL THEATER.THAT'S A BIG LOSS, AND WE HAVE MANY OTHER ARTS GROUPS THAT ARE AT RISK AS THE RECESSION REDUCES CONTRIBUTIONS AND TICKET SALES.WE NEED TO FIGURE OUT A WAY TO BUILD AUDIENCES DESPITE THE RECESSION, AND I WILL BE PROPOSING THAT WE USE THE CITY FUNDS THAT WOULD HAVE GONE TO AMT TO HELP BUILD AUDIENCES FOR OUR OTHER ARTS GROUPS.I WILL BE HOLDING A SUMMIT WITH THE LEADERSHIP OF ALL THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE A STAKE IN DOWNTOWN TO IDENTIFY OTHER STEPS WE CAN TAKE THIS YEAR TO KEEP DOWNTOWN ACTIVE AND VIBRANT DESPITE THE RECESSION AND DESPITE THE BUDGET SHORTFALL.I INVITE YOUR SUGGESTIONS. THIRD.WE NEED TO HELP THE LESS-FORTUNATE AMONG US.LET'S TAKE A MOMENT TO COUNT OUR BLESSINGS, GIVE THANKS FOR LIVING IN A LAND OF FREEDOM AND OPPORTUNITY, AND THEN ASK OURSELVES IF WE COULD DO MORE TO HOUSE THE HOMELESS, TO FEED THE HUNGRY, TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOLS, OR TO KEEP AN ARTS ORGANIZATION ALIVE.OUR NON-PROFIT SERVICE PROVIDERS HAVE SEEN BIG INCREASES IN THE NEED FOR FOOD AND HOUSING AND BIG DECREASES IN CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS.LET'S ASK OURSELVES, ASK OUR CHURCHES, ASK OUR EMPLOYERS - WHAT CAN WE DO TO HELP EVERYONE SURVIVE THESE TOUGH TIMES?WHAT CAN WE DO TO GIVE EVERYONE HOPE?SAN JOSÉ IS A PLACE BUILT ON HOPES AND DREAMS.MANY OF US CAME HERE FROM SOMEWHERE ELSE, DREAMING OF FREEDOM, LOOKING FOR A BETTER LIFE, SEARCHING FOR A BETTER JOB, AND HOPING FOR A BETTER FUTURE FOR OUR CHILDREN.TODAY, WE JOIN TOGETHER WITH GREAT HOPE ON THE BRINK OF AN HISTORIC DAY, AS WE ARE ABOUT TO INAUGURATE A PRESIDENT WHOSE LIFE INSPIRES US TO BELIEVE IN WHAT OPPORTUNITY AND HARD WORK CAN ACHIEVE.[APPLAUSE]WE HAVE HOPE FOR A BETTER FUTURE FOR SAN JOSÉ, FOR SILICON VALLEY, FOR CALIFORNIA AND FOR THE NATION.WE HAVE HOPE, AS PRESIDENT-ELECT OBAMA SAID:"HOPE ... IN THE FACE OF DIFFICULTY."HOPE ... IN THE FACE OF UNCERTAINTY."THE AUDACITY OF HOPE! IN THE END, THAT IS GOD'S GREATEST GIFT TO US, THE BEDROCK OF THIS NATION."A BELIEF IN THINGS NOT SEEN."A BELIEF THAT THERE ARE BETTER DAYS AHEAD." YES.THE BEST DAYS OF SILICON VALLEY AND THE BEST DAYS OF SAN JOSÉ ARE AHEAD OF US.TOGETHER WE WILL MAKE IT HAPPEN.THANK YOU ALL.[APPLAUSE] TOM.THANK YOU.[APPLAUSE] [APPLAUSE]

>> MAYOR REED, THANK YOU FOR THAT INSPIRING, CANDID, THOUGHT PROVOKING, FORTHRIGHT ANALYSIS OF WHERE WE HAVE BEEN, WHERE WE ARE AND WHERE WE HAVE TO GO.WITH YOUR LEADERSHIP AND THOSE IN THIS ROOM I'M SURE WE CAN ACCOMPLISH THOSE GOALS.JOIN ME IN THANKING MAYOR REED AGAIN.

>> THERESA IT IS MY HONOR TO SERVE TODAY'S DUTIES WITH YOU AND I LOOK FORWARD TO SHARING THE PODIUM WITH YOU AGAIN SOON.THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.AND THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU CITY LEADERS, EMPLOYEES, COMMUNITY LEADER, CITY COUNCIL, WE'RE RIGHT THERE WITH YOU WORKING TO MAKE THIS A BETTER COMMUNITY.HAVE A WONDERFUL DAY.THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE.TAKE CARE.[APPLAUSE]#