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Mayor Gonzales Urges San José Students to Attend School on Monday, “Immigration Day of Action”

San José ---- San José Mayor Ron Gonzales urged San José students to attend their classes on Monday, May 1, the national “Day of Action” regarding federal and state legislation on immigration reform.

“I strongly support the right and opportunity for all our residents to freely express their opinions about immigration reform through peaceful marches, rallies, and demonstrations,” said Gonzales.

“Our students, however, can make their strongest statement by staying in school on Monday and participating in the march through our community that begins after school is out for the day.”

In San José, the march will begin at 4:00 p.m. from King and Story roads in East San José to Guadalupe River Park in Downtown San José.

“Schools prepare our students, including immigrants, with the skills they will need to be successful in life. Disruption of classes by absenteeism results in both a lost day of education for all students and lost resources that our schools desperately need,” the mayor continued.

“I join other mayors and education leaders throughout California to urge our students to exercise their right of free speech, but not at the expense of their education.”

Last month Gonzales and the San José City Council endorsed principles to guide reforms to achieve fair federal immigration laws that provide a clear path to citizenship, respect the impacts of reforms on families, communities, and businesses, and avoid harsh punitive measures that are impractical and unenforceable.

San José City Hall will be open for regular business on Monday.

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