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**Response to Gov. Schwarzenegger’s “State of the State” Address
San José Mayor Ron Mayor Gonzales**

As a mayor who must balance our city’s budget, make sure our neighborhoods are safe, and help our businesses create jobs for our residents, I commend Governor Schwarzenegger’s direct approach to California’s budget crisis.

Governing means choosing, I have often said. Tonight the Governor outlined the hard choices and discipline that are needed to pull our state back to prosperity and deliver the California dream again. He sounds like a mayor. He gets it.

I agree with the Governor: we must work together to get our economy moving again. We must create jobs. When he says, jobs, jobs, jobs – I say, yes, yes, yes!.

We must put the state’s financial house in order. It’s time to make sense of California’s tangled fiscal system so that cities and schools can do what we do best for our local communities without the fear and uncertainty caused by the state.

I’m also pleased and relieved to Governor Schwarzenegger’s continuing commitment to funding critical public safety and other local services that cities must provide to our residents. Education, transportation, and housing are among the keys to tomorrow’s prosperity and our competitiveness as a state. These are also critical to the residents of California’s cities.

I look forward to seeing the details of the Governor’s budget proposals. Along with other big city mayors in California, I will continue to work with him and with the Legislature to find solutions that work for the residents of our state and our cities.

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