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## **We Stand With Community**

*Remembering the Victims of Orlando and Building Community*

San Jose, CA – July 12<sup>th</sup> will mark the one month anniversary when 49 victims were massacred in the Orlando nightclub The Pulse, for being part of the LGBTQ community. As a remembrance to those who lost their lives, a display of names and pictures of each of the victims will be placed in the San José City Hall lobby during business hours and San José City Hall will light up the City Tower in the colors of the rainbow flag during the evening.

In addition, on July 29<sup>th</sup> The Office of Councilmember Peralez, along with several leaders of the LGBTQ community such as the Billy DeFrank LGBTQ Community Center, Santa Clara County Office of LGBTQ Affairs, Rainbow Chamber of Commerce Silicon Valley, Colectivo ALA, BAYMEC, Franklin-McKinley School District Trustee Omar Torres, Santa Clara County Supervisor Yeager and The Health Trust are working together collectively with Club Papi Productions to have a special presentation of solidarity and pride at Club Splash in downtown San Jose to honor the 49 victims.

“The bullets that killed 49, wounded our entire community but did not annihilate us. We continue to exist, now more united and stronger than ever... One of our sacred spaces was brutally violated. A sanctuary in which our fallen Latinx and Afrolatinx LGBTQ siblings were celebrating with pride. In their memory, we raise our voices and act for a more inclusive society...we will continue dancing in a radical act of fight and love. – Colectivo ALA, local Latinx LGBT organization.

The group is working with the San José Police Department to address safety for the night so that all in the community can come and show solidarity. “As a councilmember I just don’t represent a certain group, I represent all those in the community, including the LGBTQ community. And when any community is attacked, it is important that we come together and unite. Whether you identify as straight, gay, brown, black, Christian or Muslim, it is our differences that will make us strong in order to stand up against these acts of violence and terrorism” Councilmember Peralez.

The July 29<sup>th</sup> evening will begin at 10 PM and is open to anyone 21 years and older. There will be a short program to remember and honor the victims and the night will continue on in dance and celebration. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the victim’s fund in Orlando.