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Mayor Sam Liccardo
San Jose City Hall, 17th Floor
200 East Santa Clara Street
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Re: June Budget Message: Sexual Assault Training and Supportive Services

Dear Mayor Liccardo,

On behalf of AACI, I want to thank you and your team for publishing your June Budget Message and for considering many of the budget documents seeking the City's investment in the safety of our community. I particularly would like to thank you for including Councilmember Arena's request to prioritize funding for sexual assault law enforcement training and supportive services.

As you know, AACI serves those affected by domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking, many of whom are women and children, immigrants, and refugees. Especially for communities of color, there are countless barriers that prevent victims from reporting abuse or seeking services. Funding for services and training of law enforcement personnel who work directly with survivors is very important to AACI and the people we serve.

We support this item and thank you for including it in your budget message, and ask you to continue to advocate for culturally appropriate services that protect and support survivors of violence and sexual assault.

Sincerely,

Sarita Kohli
President and CEO, AACI