

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE REMEMBERING THE VICTIMS OF THE VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY RAIL YARD MASS SHOOTING THAT OCCURRED ON MAY 26, 2021

WHEREAS, on May 26, 2021, a mass shooting occurred at the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (“VTA”) light rail yard in the City of San José, where an armed VTA employee opened fire on his colleagues, killing nine people before taking his own life (the “VTA Light Rail Tragedy”); and

WHEREAS, this act of violence cut short the lives of nine public servants who worked to improve the quality of life in our community; and

WHEREAS, the actions of those VTA employees who alerted their coworkers to danger and pulled them into shelter saved an unknowable number of lives; and

WHEREAS, police officers and other first responders responded within minutes of the first reports of shooting; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to memorialize and celebrate the lives of these individuals who answered the calling of public service and worked to ensure that our valley kept moving;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE THAT:

1. The City of San José hereby mourns the deaths and celebrates the lives of the victims of the VTA Light Rail Tragedy that occurred on May 26, 2021:

Abdolvahab Alaghmandan, 63
Adrian Balleza, 29
Alex Ward Fritch, 49
Jose Dejesus Hernandez III, 35
Lars Kepler Lane, 63
Paul Delacruz Megia, 42
Timothy Michael Romo, 49
Michael Joseph Rudometkin, 40
Taptejdeep Singh, 36; and

The City of San José will never forget you, and we honor you.

2. The City of San José applauds the heroism, dedication, and compassion of the police officers, first responders, and emergency medical personnel who responded to the shooting and tended to the wounded.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

DISQUALIFIED:

SAM LICCARDO
Mayor

ATTEST:

TONI J. TABER, CMC
City Clerk