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Mayor Tom Tait and Members of the Anaheim City Council
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Dear Mayor Tait, Mayor Pro Tem Eastman, City Council Members Murray, Brandman and Kring, Staff and Honored guests:

Keeping Anaheim's residents, businesses, and visitors safe from crime is a difficult and multi-faceted job, and it takes a comprehensive approach to be successful.

Priority among these of course is a fully staffed police department that continues to earn the support and respect of the community and its elected officials. The men and women of the Anaheim Police Department are proud to serve this city on the front lines in keeping all of Anaheim safe, along with our Fire and any other first responders.

However, a healthy and growing economy in which every Anaheim resident that wants a job and can find one is also a big part of a comprehensive plan to reduce crime in the city. Generating dollars for the budget to support all of this is something we have understood and supported for years now. There is also no substitute for the pride and connection to the community that comes from being able to provide for yourself and your family with a good job. That is why the Anaheim Police Association is such a strong supporter of the outstanding partnership between the City of Anaheim and the Anaheim Chamber of Commerce for economic development in our city. We also will continue to support our business community, sports teams, resort district and more. We want you and your families to be able to live, visit, worship, work, and play in the world class destination city of Anaheim at any and all times.

For many years, the Chamber of Commerce in town has served at a minimum as one of, or as the key asset, for Anaheim in attracting and retaining jobs in the city. This partnership has been in place for many years. In the last two years, that partnership has centered on administering the Anaheim Enterprise Zone. Now that the state is changing the rules for economic development in the state again (just as the state has done when eliminating Redevelopment, releasing prisoners into our communities with AB109 and more detrimental policies that affect our communities), it is more important than ever that the local Anaheim Chamber of Commerce and the City work together creatively to continue to lower unemployment in the city and help put more of our residents to work – or attract new jobs for all to work here or move here.

As the City winds down its Enterprise Zone over the next four months and adopts a new economic development program, it is critical that the City and the Chamber work together to ensure that good jobs for Anaheim residents remain part of our comprehensive approach to keeping our city safe. Thank you for listening and for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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