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**Date:** November 12, 2024

**To:** Mayor and City Council

**From:** Office of the Mayor and City Council

**Subject:** Moment of Silence – November 12, 2024 Council Meeting

**Moment of Silence for Jose Emiliano Zamora**

- Our Santa Clara community grieves the profound loss of one of our own.
- At only 14 years old, Jose Emiliano Zamora was a beloved child, friend and student who touched many with his kindness and spirit.
- Jose was described as so full of love and ambition to be the best at everything he could possibly be.
- This unimaginable loss is a stark reminder of the unseen burdens that individuals carry in our community, especially our youth.
- In moments like this, words often fall short, but we can find strength in unity.
- Let us all honor Jose by fostering an environment where every young person feels seen, valued, and supported.
- As a community, we must redouble our commitment to openly discuss difficult struggles and challenges, to support each other, and most importantly, to let our children know that they are never alone.
- To Jose Emiliano Zamora's family, our hearts break alongside yours.
- Let us remember, cherish, and honor Jose while working to ensure no other family faces such a tragedy.
- Together, we must strive to build a community of empathy, understanding and support for our children.

Cc: City Clerk

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