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“REMOVE SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATOR FROM CITY” MAYOR TO LEAD COMMUNITY PROTEST

Sep 1 – On Wednesday, September 2, 2009, East Palo Alto Mayor Ruben Abrica and Vice Mayor David Woods will conduct a press conference regarding the release of Donald Robinson – a **“sexually violent predator”** – to East Palo Alto. Mayor Abrica is requesting Santa Clara County Judge Alfonso Fernandez immediately remove this violent predator from the City.

The press conference will be held:

Date: Wednesday, September 2, 2009

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Location: City Hall, 2415 University Avenue

A community protest will follow the press conference:

Date: Wednesday, September 2, 2009

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: 900 Block of Beech Street

Judge Fernandez released Robinson to East Palo Alto despite objections from City, County and State officials. According to Mayor Abrica:

I believe the judge made a grave error in releasing Mr. Robinson to East Palo Alto. Mr. Robinson is a violent sexual predator whose past clearly makes him a clear and present danger to our community. The judge released him to a residence surrounded by children, teens and senior citizens. This residence is within walking distance of an daycare center, two churches, elementary school and high school. This neighborhood is a target-rich environment for a sexually violent predator such as Mr. Robinson.

The tragic case of Jaycee Dugard in Antioch underscores the dangerous nature of sexually violent predators and brings into question their supervision and monitoring. Ms. Dugard was held captive by a sexual predator, Phillip Garrido, for over 18 years despite the fact that he was on parole and supervised and “monitored” by the state.

A complete review of the sentencing guidelines regarding sexually violent predators; the protocols for their release, and the level of supervision required once they are released is needed. Until that time, Mr. Robinson should be secured in a state facility to protect the community.

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