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(Note: Subsequent updates issued on January 2, 2019 have been added to the end of this press release)

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Statement from Mayor Sam Liccardo regarding this afternoon's accident

San Jose, Calif. – At approximately 12:30 p.m., Mayor Sam Liccardo was cycling on the 600 block of Salt Lake Drive when he was struck by a motor vehicle. The driver of the vehicle pulled over and stayed at the scene, while Mayor Liccardo was taken to the hospital to be checked out.

Mayor Liccardo suffered minor fractures, but his injuries are not considered overly-serious. He will be kept overnight for observation and return home in the next day or two.

Mayor Liccardo is currently resting and in good spirits. He shared the following statement:

“I’d like to thank compassionate neighbors like Linda and Tom who rushed to help immediately after the accident; the fast and professional response from Fire Station 19 and the San Jose Police Department; the wonderful paramedic care from Alex and her team; and the outstanding medical attention from Dr. Jimenez and the entire staff at Regional Medical Center,” said Mayor Liccardo.”

He also joked: “Fortunately, the doctors state that all defects to the head were pre-existing conditions.”

UPDATE (January 2, 2019; 12:52 p.m.)

Mayor Liccardo remains in good spirits and expects to be home within the next 24 hours.

He has suffered multiple bruises, scrapes and fractures. No surgery will be needed, although the Mayor will likely wear a brace to help his injuries heal. The Mayor plans to rest at home through the weekend, and doctors expect him to make a full recovery.

The mayor was up and walking this morning, and shared the following statement on social media:

“Thank you to the many thoughtful neighbors and friends who reached out with their well-wishes since my bike accident yesterday. I’ve got fractures to two of my vertebrae and my sternum, but felt blessed to be able to walk on the hospital floor today with the help of the great

folks at Regional Medical Center. I'm told the prognosis is good—although I've got a couple months of physical therapy ahead, I expect to be working from home this week, and back at City Hall doing the job I love next week. Thanks to neighbors like Linda Dutra and Tom who magnanimously helped at the scene, the firefighters at Station 19 for their quick response, the AMR paramedic crew, SJPD, and the hardworking staff at Regional.”

<https://www.facebook.com/SamLiccardo1/photos/a.288207417996664/1202561726561224/?type=3&theater>

Per the request of several reporters, we have included a link to photos of the Mayor biking at a recent Bike to Work Day:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/hlyexmgvy82u6p7/AADH80la16YYevXwE1nAXeMPa?dl=0>

UPDATE (January 2, 2019; 5:00 p.m.)

Mayor Liccardo has been released from the hospital and plans to remain at home through the weekend.

Here is a link to a video of the Mayor making a brief statement at Regional Medical Center earlier this afternoon: <https://twitter.com/sliccardo/status/1080630376274354178>

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