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Mayors to Bike from Salt Lake to Provo for Second Annual Rivalry Ride *Increased Food Bank Contributions to Benefit Both Communities*

SALT LAKE CITY and PROVO, UT – Salt Lake City Mayor Ralph Becker will bike to Provo on Saturday as a result of Brigham Young University winning the rivalry football game against the University of Utah. Becker will bike approximately 50 miles from the U of U Alumni House to Provo and deliver a donation to Community Action Services and Food Bank. There will be a press conference at the U of U Alumni House at 9:30 a.m. and a closing ceremony at the Hinckley Center in Provo at 3:30 p.m.

Provo City Mayor Lewis Billings will join Becker in the ride, just as Becker joined Billings in his ride from Provo to Salt Lake when the Utes won the game last year. The public is also invited to participate.

Both Becker and Billings used the Rivalry Ride to encourage the public to contribute to the Utah and BYU alumni associations' annual Food Fight that ended last week. Due to the overwhelming community response, the results of the food drive are currently being calculated. Both city food banks have noted a tremendous record-breaking number of both food and monetary donations this year as a result of the Food Fight.

"I'm pleased that Mayor Becker will be biking to Provo this year and I look forward to riding along with him," stated Billings. "He added a spirit of camaraderie to last year's ride that made it a great experience despite the snowstorm."

"The big winners of the Food Fight are the food banks and those who are in need of the services they provide," said Mayor Becker. "Both cities are to be commended for their enthusiastic

participation. The response for our communities in need shows compassion is core to fans on both sides of the stadium.”

Mad Dog Cycles of Provo and Orem will provide free energy drinks to Rivalry Ride participants and will also make a monetary donation to the food drive. Contender Bicycles of Salt Lake City is providing a support vehicle and in-kind donations for ride participants. There is no cost to join in the ride. Participants will be required to sign a release.

The Rivalry Ride will commence at 10 AM on Sat. Dec. 5 after **a brief press conference at 9:30 a.m.** at the U of U Alumni House, 155 S. Central Campus Drive in Salt Lake, and will end at approximately 3 p.m. at the BYU Hinckley Center, 1230 N. 450 East in Provo. To sign up, view the route, or for more information on the Mayor’s Rivalry Ride, visit <http://.utahrivalryride.com>, www.slcgov.com or www.provo.org.

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