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*****STATEMENT*****

**MAYOR GAVIN NEWSOM'S STATEMENT ON THE NINTH CIRCUIT COURT
OF APPEALS DECISION IN FAVOR OF SAN FRANCISCO'S UNIVERSAL
HEALTHCARE PROGRAM, *HEALTHY SAN FRANCISCO***

Today's ruling is a huge victory for this city and the 46 million Americans who don't have health insurance. San Francisco is proving that it can be done. By thinking outside the box, every city and state in this country can provide healthcare if they are willing to challenge the conventional wisdom and take risks instead of continuing the status quo.

Moving forward, I am optimistic that the restaurant industry will join us in our efforts to provide universal health care to all San Franciscans. It's been a long fight, but now the program is up and running, over 30,000 people are covered, and we must focus our energies on providing healthcare to the uninsured and our most vulnerable residents.

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