Speech by Councillor Mpume Sithole to Welcome the Cyclists supporting the work on Lil Choices at their arrival at Durban City Hall on Saturday 20 October 2018

- Ms RAE BAGUS, Founder / Director of Lil Choices

- Cyclists from the Esmero Cycling Club

- Ladies and gentlemen

Good afternoon

On behalf of Her Worship the Mayor, Councillor Zandile Gumede I would like to extend a warm welcome to you all this afternoon. I wish to extend a special word of welcome to the cyclists that have cycled from Johannesburg to our city.

The cycle to Durban will be an important event that will highlight the great work done by LiL Choices. The organization initiated a project that aspires to afford young women in crisis, an opportunity to make informed decisions in shaping their lives. Since its inception, LiL Choices was able to assist and support 66 ladies. Interventions are pursued within and outside of what is basically a home-based care facility.

In the year that we celebrate the centenary of Mandela and Mum Albertina Sisulu we welcome and express our appreciation to all the cyclists for their selfless contribution to the work of LiL Choices.

To all the members of the Johannesburg based cycling club "Esmero Cycling Club" we thank you for embarking on this ambitious project in order to raise funds for the LiL Choices.

Today we also wish to honour the team of 25 cyclists and their support team for coming to Durban to raise funds

for LiL Choices and create much needed Awareness for the work of Lil Choices.

Today I am present at the City Hall to receive a message from the Mayor of Johannesburg to promote the work LiL Choices in their mission to care for young women.

Once again, I wish to thank you for all for this important gesture to support the work of an organisation that is supporting women in crisis.

Finally, I wish the organisation great success in the future and wish all the cyclists an enjoyable and successful participation in the 2018 Amashova cycle race and the rest of your stay in Durban.

I thank you.