

Statement on Recent Aviation Accident and Ongoing Investigation

We are deeply saddened to confirm that a fatal aviation accident occurred on August 26, involving a privately operated Cessna 172S departing from Reid Hillview Airport at approximately 3:10pm local time. Tragically, the pilot—who was the sole occupant of the aircraft—did not survive.

Our thoughts are with the family and loved ones of the individual during this incredibly difficult time. We are working closely with the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), who are leading a thorough investigation into the incident.

In the immediate aftermath of the incident, there has been public speculation suggesting mechanical failure. At this time, we urge the public and media to refrain from drawing conclusions while the official investigation is underway.

While we will not discuss specifics pending the findings of investigators, we are aware that early indications point to factors unrelated to mechanical malfunction. We are fully cooperating with the authorities as they examine all aspects of this tragic event, including the possibility of intentional actions by the pilot.

As always, safety remains our highest priority, and we stand with our partners in aviation and law enforcement as they work to uncover the facts.

Further updates will be provided as information becomes available through official channels.

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