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**Public Health Department Says Farewell to Mitch Katz, MD**

**Public Reception Planned for Monday, December 20, City Hall**

**San Francisco, CA** -- Friends, colleagues and members of the public are invited to a farewell reception for Dr. Mitch Katz, Director of Health, on Monday, December 20, 5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. in the North Light Court of City Hall. Dr. Katz has accepted a new position in Los Angeles as Director of Health Services Department beginning January 1, 2011.

Dr. Katz came to San Francisco as an intern in the Emergency Department of San Francisco General in 1986 and advanced to become Director of Health in 1997. Under his leadership, San Francisco became known as “one of the best public health departments in the country.”

The reception is being funded by the San Francisco Public Health Foundation and private donations.