**HEALTH COMMISSION**
**City and County of San Francisco**
**Resolution No. 17-20**

**HONORING THE IMPACTFUL CONTRIBUTIONS OF MAYOR EDWIN MAH LEE TO THE CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO**

**WHEREAS**, Ed Lee, was the first Asian American to serve as Mayor of San Francisco; he was first appointed by the Board of Supervisors in November, 2011 and re-elected twice;

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Lee was raised in public housing in Seattle Washington and moved to the Bay area to attend law school at the University of California Berkeley in 1978;

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Lee devoted his early career to advocating for affordable housing, rights of immigrants, and rights of renters, through his work at the San Francisco Asian Law Caucus;

**WHEREAS**, Ed Lee had a long and productive career working for the City and County of San Francisco, including:

- Executive Director of the San Francisco Human Rights Commission
- Director of City Purchasing
- Director of Public Works
- City Administrator

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Lee was a strong supporter of the SFDPH, its programs, and its clients:

- He sought humane and lasting solutions to the issues of homelessness, untreated mental illness, and substance abuse in San Francisco;
- He supported and funded the creation of the City's first behavioral health navigation center at Hummingbird Place on the ZSFG campus;
- He was an avid supporter of the Getting to Zero initiative and consistently backfilled HIV funding for SFDPH programs when federal cuts threatened the City's stellar service system;
- He launched an innovative program in 2016 to help San Franciscans afford health insurance, through the SF Covered MRA under the City Option;
- He was a champion for the Vision Zero Collective Impact Initiative which increases safety for pedestrians and bicyclists while reducing injuries and deaths;
- He supported the implementation of Assisted Outpatient Treatment in San Francisco, giving families a chance at connection to treatment for loved ones suffering from mental illness;
- He put a generous amount of funds on reserve in the FY17/18 and 18/19 budget to protect the City against potential federal threats to the Affordable Care Act and health care funding;
- He supported the SFDPH development of an integrated electronic health record system through direct funding of the project and approved innovative funding mechanisms by which the SFDPH could fund the initiative through saved revenue;
- He ushered in the rebuild of the ZSFG hospital and spent time with patients at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Laguna Honda Hospital in addition to visiting the SFDPH Health Centers.

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Lee created the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing to focus efforts to prevent homelessness and assist those who are homeless;

**WHEREAS**, as Mayor, Ed Lee advocated for affordable housing in many ways including:

- Pledging to build and rehabilitate buildings intended for low, working, and middle class.
- Joining with Board President, David Chiu, to create the Ellis Act Housing Preference Program to assist tenants evicted through the Ellis Act;
- Sponsoring many housing funding initiatives.

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Lee died on December 12, 2017 at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the San Francisco Health Commission acknowledges and honors Mayor Lee for his lifelong commitment and dedication to improving the lives of others through his invaluable public service, his enormous compassion for others, and his effective and thoughtful leadership; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the San Francisco Health Commission conveys its heartfelt condolences to his family, friends, and colleagues.

I hereby certify that the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting of December 19, 2017 adopted the foregoing resolution.

Mark Morewitz,
Executive Secretary to the Health Commission