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Aquarium of the Bay Marks Chinese New Year With Tribute to Mayor Lee

San Francisco, CA---The Aquarium of the Bay will begin its celebration of Chinese New Year on Friday, February 16, with a tribute to former Mayor Edwin M. Lee, who was known as a champion of social and climate justice. In his honor, the Aquarium has created the Edwin M. Lee Environmental Award, which will be given on an annual basis to an outstanding high school senior who has shown leadership in environmental issues focused on Bay conservation. The award-winning student will receive a \$500 scholarship and a summer internship at Aquarium of the Bay.

Celebrations begin at 1:00 pm on Friday with dance performances and a Tai Chi demonstration, followed by a tribute to the late Mayor Edwin M. Lee and an announcement of award details. The opening ceremony will be capped off by a lion dance.

Chinese New Year festivities will continue on Saturday and Sunday from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm with dance and music performances in the courtyard in front of the Aquarium, and a traditional Chinese crafts station for children inside the Aquarium.

Aquarium of the Bay is located at PIER 39 on Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco, and home to over 20,000 marine animals that frequent local waters. It is part of Bay Ecotarium, a trusted not-for-profit advocacy organization with the mission to protect, restore, and inspire water conservation from the Sierra to the sea.

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Friday event details (held on east balcony of Aquarium of the Bay):

1:00-1:30 Tai Chi (YuanJi form demonstration) +

San Francisco line dance team

1:30 Performance by Presidio Knoll School Dance

2:00 Edwin M Lee Scholarship Presentation

2:45 Lion Dance