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PRESS RELEASE

San Francisco Budget Makes Historic Investment to Anti-Domestic Violence Initiatives; Top Women Budget Negotiators Honored

Additional \$250,000 to support anti-domestic violence efforts added in final budget stages

San Francisco, CA -- The following is a statement by Dr. Emily Murase, Executive Director of the San Francisco Department on the Status of Women in response to Mayor Lee's signing of a two-year balanced budget.

"I wish to congratulate Mayor Edwin Lee on signing a balanced budget that makes a historic commitment to anti-domestic violence services in the City & County of San Francisco. The budget makes an unprecedented \$3 million dollar investment to fund agencies that serve and protect victims of domestic violence across the city. We are especially pleased that this new budget includes an additional 10% increase, totaling \$250,000, that will allow our 24 current grant recipients to expand services to women victims of violence and their families. We applaud the efforts of our Partner Agencies and Supervisor John Avalos who worked to secure the additional funding."

"Tonight, the Commission on the Status of Women will honor three women who played a key role in the successful collaborative process that created the first two-year budget in history. The proclamation will honor Supervisor Carmen Chu, Chair of the Board of Supervisors Budget and Finance Committee, Kate Howard, Director of the Mayor's Budget Office, and Monique Zmuda, Deputy Controller, for their leadership and process that resulted in a balanced budget that invests in social safety net services such as combatting domestic violence. The honorees will attend tonight's Commission Meeting."

San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women Meeting
July 25, 2012
5 - 7 pm
San Francisco City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 408
San Francisco, California 94102

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