



January 27, 2017

Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC)
2590 Venture Oaks Way Suite 200
Sacramento, CA 95833

Re: San Francisco Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) Application

Dear BSCC,

I am pleased to support the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) Application for the City and County of San Francisco. This opportunity comes at crucial time, as San Francisco further reinforces its long and proud history of commitment to compassionate care, supportive housing, and other services for persons that are mentally ill or have substance use disorders. Moreover, this approach thoroughly complements San Francisco's successful Realignment efforts in reducing the number of people that are criminal justice-involved.

The LEAD program will be critical in helping us take the next steps in strategic and meaningful collaboration across City systems. Led by the Department of Public Health, and developed in close partnership with other agencies and community partners, the LEAD program will align existing resources and services. It will allow the City to provide better care coordination, maximize health system efficiencies, decrease incarceration of low-level and non-violent drug offenders, and improve the safety and well-being of all San Franciscans through elevating community policing and building trust between law enforcement agencies and our diverse communities.

Addressing the whole person is a central priority and commitment for San Francisco, and it is essential for us to implement all the best practices and models available. The collaboration, data sharing, and service integration proposed in our LEAD application fosters innovation to promote the health and safety for all our residents.

My office is committed to supporting and facilitating this process as needed, and I look forward to the approval of San Francisco's application. For questions, please contact Colleen Chawla, Deputy Director of Health and Director of Policy and Planning, at (415) 554-2769 or colleen.chawla@sfdph.org.

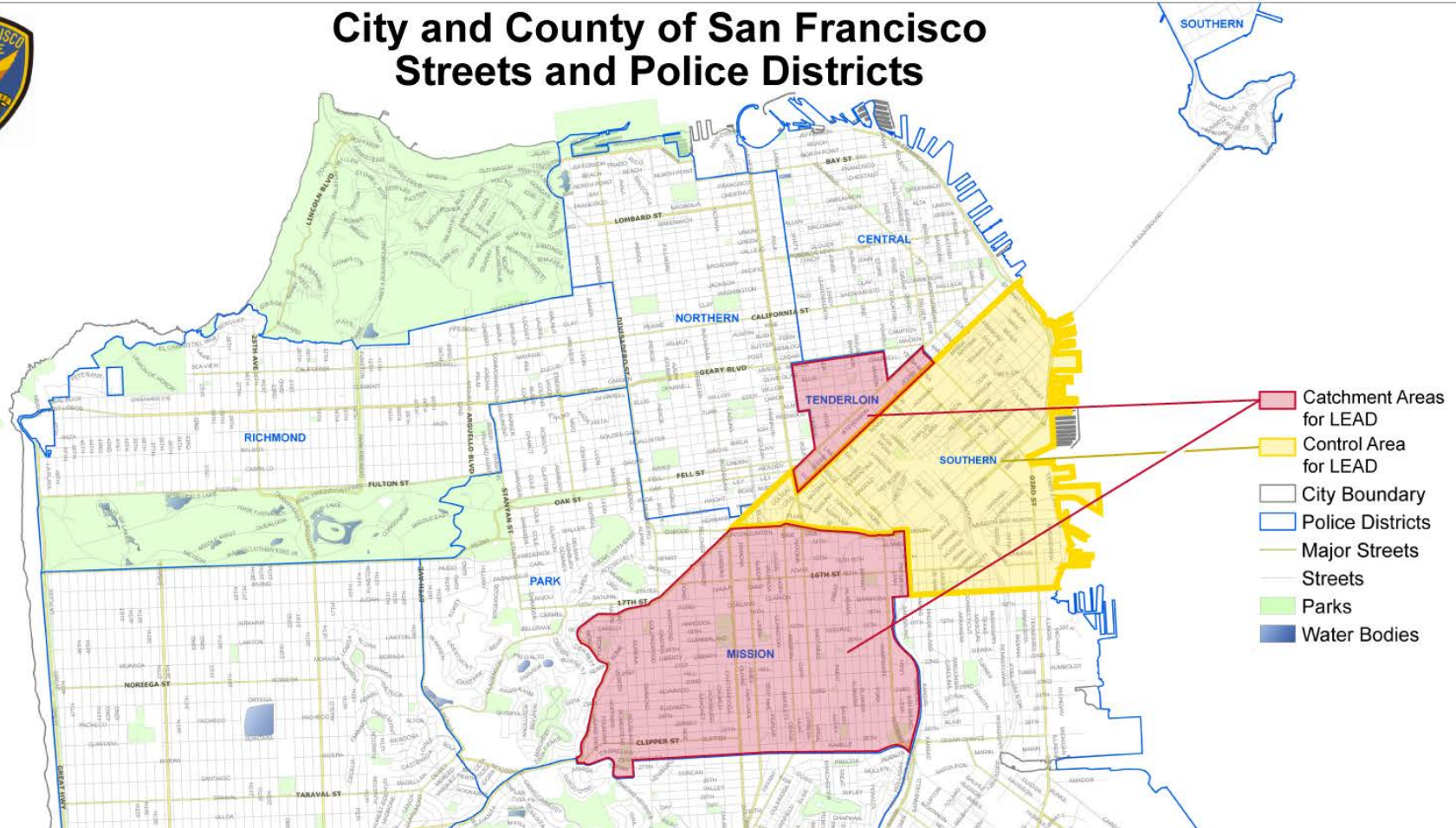
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Edwin M. Lee".

Edwin M. Lee
Mayor



City and County of San Francisco Streets and Police Districts



Mission District



Tenderloin District



Heat Map of Drug Events, 2014-2016

