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**MAYOR LONDON N. BREED SWORN IN TODAY AS FIRST
AFRICAN AMERICAN FEMALE MAYOR IN CITY HISTORY**

Crowd of thousands witness historic inauguration at San Francisco City Hall

San Francisco, CA– Mayor London N. Breed was officially sworn in today as the Mayor of San Francisco, becoming the first African American female Mayor in the City's history.

"I stand at this podium today because a community supported me, because our city services looked out for me," said Mayor Breed. "I stand here in the hope that together we will build a San Francisco where the next generation of girls can go from public housing to the Mayor's Office. This is the City of Saint Francis. We support one another; we defend one another."

The 45th Mayor of San Francisco, she was sworn-in by California Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom, who had been the City's 42nd Mayor, before she turned to address the crowd assembled in front of City Hall.

"I believe in the promise of San Francisco because I have lived it. I have seen what can happen when we lift each other up," said Mayor Breed. "We can show the next generation of young people that anything is possible, and our obligation is to make sure they have opportunities."

The inauguration included an invocation by Rabbi Beth Singer of Congregation Emanu-El and the Rev. Amos C. Brown of Third Baptist Church, and musical performances from the SFJazz High School All-Stars, the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus and the Glide Ensemble & Change Band. The C-Notes performed the National Anthem and San Francisco Giants' Public Address Announcer Renel Brooks-Moon acted as the Mistress of Ceremonies.

As she laid out in her inaugural address, Mayor Breed's top priorities for her administration will be addressing the City's homelessness challenges, cleaning up San Francisco's streets and sidewalks, creating more affordable housing, improving public safety, investing in public education programs and upgrading the City's transportation infrastructure.

"Our city's challenges tend to emerge from our strengths. We have a powerful, 21st century economy, but that same boom is creating disparity that threatens to make us a city of haves and have-nots," said Mayor Breed. "When we fail to build the housing we need, we risk pricing out all but the wealthiest among us from the city we love. We face these and many other challenges, and yet so often our politics seem to push us further apart. What we need to do is come together, and tackle these problems as one."



As one of her first official acts, Mayor Breed announced the creation of a Policy Transition Team, a group comprised of community activists, business leaders, academics, non-profit leaders and policy experts tasked with working together to identify issues and ideas that matter most to San Franciscans. The group will present their innovative new ideas as part of a Policy Summit, to be held on Saturday.

Prior to being elected by voters in the June 8 election, Mayor Breed served as President of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors and District 5 Supervisor. She also served as Acting Mayor in December and January, leading San Francisco following the sudden passing of Mayor Edwin M. Lee on December 12.

During her time as a Supervisor, Mayor Breed passed legislation to increase housing opportunities along public transportation corridors and she helped to transform former public housing sites into homes for residents experiencing homelessness.

In addition, she advocated for more funding for the City's Navigation Centers—a national model that offers residents experiencing homelessness intensive case management and critical service connections to healthcare, entitlement benefits and drug treatment programs. Mayor Breed launched a task force to study the feasibility of safe injection facilities in San Francisco and she helped oversee reforms to the City's emergency response systems, leading to a reduction of ambulance response times by more than 26 percent.

Mayor Breed also enacted the strongest Styrofoam ban in the country, authored legislation that kept more than 40 tons of medical waste out of Bay Area landfills and spearheaded the City's CleanPowerSF program, which will help San Francisco achieve its goal of reaching 100 percent renewable energy by 2030.

A native of San Francisco, Mayor Breed was raised by her grandmother in the Plaza East Public Housing development in the Western Addition neighborhood. She graduated from Galileo High School and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from University of California, Davis, before receiving a Master's degree in Public Administration from the University of San Francisco.

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