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## **PAUL YEP NAMED CHIEF OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

**SAN FRANCISCO**— Today, Mayor-elect Daniel Lurie announced the latest appointment in his administration, naming former SFPD Commander Paul Yep as Chief of Public Safety. The news follows recent leadership appointment [announcements](#) as well as the Mayor-elect's [plans](#) to restructure the office of the mayor to enhance effectiveness and accountability.

*"I'm proud to announce Paul Yep as the first ever Chief of Public Safety. Paul has dedicated his career to keeping San Franciscans safe and there is no one better for this critical job," **said Mayor-elect Daniel Lurie.** "Together, we will support our law enforcement and ensure that every resident, worker, and visitor is safe in our city."*

The Chief of Public Safety will coordinate the strategic alignment of city departments, whose primary focus is community and neighborhood safety, street behavior, emergency preparedness and response.

*"I am honored to join Mayor-elect Daniel Lurie's team as Chief of Public Safety," **said Paul Yep, Chief of Public Safety.** "I look forward to leveraging my experience to help the Mayor-elect's team execute his vision for building stronger and safer communities across our city."*

In this role, Yep will coordinate with the following departments: Adult Probation, Police Accountability, Department of Emergency Management, Fire Department, Sheriff Inspector General, Juvenile Probation, Police Department, Victim and Witness Rights. He will also serve as the administration's point of contact with the Sheriff's Office, District Attorney, and the Public Defender.

*“Paul Yep is a thoughtful servant leader who is deeply passionate about enhancing safety for every San Franciscan,” said Sheriff Paul Miyamoto. “I have known Paul personally for over 35 years since before our law enforcement careers. My office looks forward to working closely with Paul and the Mayor-elect to make San Francisco the safest big city in the nation.”*

*“On issues concerning public safety and so much more, Paul has been a trusted ally to the Chinese community for years,” said Anni Chung, President and CEO of Self-Help for the Elderly (SHE), a community-based organization for mostly immigrant and monolingual Asian seniors. “I’m excited to hear that he’ll continue to serve not just our community, but every San Franciscan in this critical role.”*

### **Paul Yep, Chief of Public Safety**



Paul served in the San Francisco Police Department for more than 28 years working in stations throughout the City and County of San Francisco. Most recently he served as Commander in the Chief of Staff’s Office overseeing the Risk Management Division until his retirement in July, 2023. He previously held several key positions ranging from Commanding Officer of the Central, Northern, Richmond Police Stations, and the Commanding Officer of the Staff Services Division. Paul also worked in more specialized assignments such as Domestic Violence, Vice Crimes/Human Trafficking, the Community Relations Unit, and as the Director of Basic Training for the Police Academy. As part of SFPD’s Executive Leadership Team, Paul held a key role in implementing reforms, policy development and strategic planning. Following retirement from SFPD, Yep served as Vice President at the Academy of Arts University, where he provided leadership and oversight for their Campus Safety and Lab Resources Departments since July 2023.

Paul is most proud of his community outreach and relationship building work in San Francisco's neighborhoods and has been honored and recognized for these efforts by public officials and organizations throughout San Francisco. Paul was born and raised in San Francisco. He is an alumni of Lowell High School and San Francisco State University, with a BA degree in Business Administration. He is a huge Bay Area sports fan who enjoys golfing, practicing martial arts, traveling, and spending time with his family.

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*Daniel Lurie is the Mayor-Elect of the City and County of San Francisco.*