In this season, when many religious faiths anticipate the hope of new light and life, we, the religious leaders of San Francisco, pause to offer prayers of new light and life for Mayor Edwin M. Lee, who passed away early this morning. We extend heartfelt sympathies to his wife Anita and their daughters Tania and Brianna.

A great friend, supporter and partner of San Francisco’s religious community, Mayor Lee always sought the counsel of and engaged faith leaders in responding to our City’s challenges of homelessness, housing affordability, civil, human and immigrant rights, as well championing efforts to protect our most vulnerable residents. His decades of service, tireless efforts to better life for all of our residents and love for San Francisco are his precious legacy.
At this most difficult time, Clergy are asked to remember Mayor Lee at their worship services as well as to lift up in prayer our Acting Mayor London Breed and our City of San Francisco.

May the memories of times shared with Mayor Lee bring strength and comfort to us all and to our City.

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