



Chinese New Year Festival & Parade

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CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION AND CHOY SUN DOE DAY AT PORTSMOUTH

San Francisco, CA: Gung Hay Fat Choy! Sen Nin Fai Lok! (Happy New Year). The Chinese Chamber of Commerce of San Francisco is excited today to officially welcome the Year of the Tiger (Lunar Year 4720) with a Chinese New Year Celebration and Choy Sun Doe Day. Under the auspices of the SF Chinese Chamber of Commerce, Guest VIP Speakers will usher in today's celebration with the "dotting of the Tiger Heads" which symbolizes bringing the Tiger to Life! A procession will then proceed to Kearny St, followed by firecrackers to scare evil spirits away, and Choy Suns will grace Portsmouth Sq. and "Lai Sees" (red envelopes) and gifts will be passed out to eagerly waiting children.

When: Tuesday, February 1, 2022 from 11am to 2pm

11:00 AM **Introduction's** by Norman Fong & Sarah Wan

VIP Speakers: SF Acting Mayor, Supervisor Stefani
Former Mayor Willie Brown
Chinese deputy consul General Pan, Qingjiang
Eddie Au, President of Chinese Chamber
Supervisor Aaron Peskin

**** All Supervisors speak together ****

Board President Walton
Supervisor Safai
Supervisor Mar
Supervisor Matt Hanley
Supervisor Mandelman
Supervisor Chan
City Attorney David Chiu
City Administrator Carmen Chu

White Crane - Lion Dance/Dotting of Tiger Heads

11:25 AM **Procession to Kearny Street**

11:40 AM **Lighting of firecrackers**

12:00 AM **Distribution of red envelopes and pencil cases to children**

Where: Portsmouth Sq. Chinatown, SF