



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 Rabbit (Lunar Year 4721) 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 Lion Heads" which symbolizes bringing the Lions 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: Sunday, January 22, 2023 from 11am to 2pm**

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

**VIP Speakers:** SF Mayor London Breed

SF Former Mayor Willie Brown

Chinese Consul General Zhang, Jianmin

Donald Luu, President of the Chinese Chamber

Senator Scott Weiner

Assemblymember Phil Ting

Assemblymember Matt Haney

Board President Aaron Peskin

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

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CCBA Presiding President – Can Tong Li

- 11:30 AM** Lions to lead procession to Kearny Street
- 11:40 AM** Lighting of firecrackers
- 12:00 AM** Distribution of red envelopes, gifts, and treats to children

**Where:** Portsmouth Sq. Chinatown, SF