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**MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES CIVIC CENTER
HOLIDAY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Attractions include the Winter Park Ice Rink and holiday events at City Hall, including the Mayor's Holiday Fair

San Francisco, CA— Mayor London N. Breed today announced the schedule of upcoming events at Civic Center celebrating the many holidays of the season. The events will be headlined by the Mayor's Holiday Fair at City Hall on December 9th, which will include Santa Claus in the Rotunda, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa stations, and other family-friendly activities for people of all ages.

The events and attractions are part of Mayor Breed's continued efforts to increase the vibrancy of the Civic Center area. Additional attractions during the holiday season will include the Winter Park at Civic Center with an ice rink and lighted tree forest, and Family Weekends in Civic Center with free kids activities. Families are also invited to play at the recently renovated Helen Diller Civic Center Playgrounds, visit the Main Library's holiday train model, and enjoy warm drinks at the new Bi-Rite Café in Civic Center Plaza.

"I want Civic Center to be a place where families and kids can celebrate the holidays," said Mayor Breed. "Since taking office, one of my priorities has been working with our City departments to make Civic Center a more welcoming place for all our residents. We have made consistent progress over the past few months, and I am excited for people to be able to come together and celebrate with those they love this holiday season."

Holiday Events Scheduled in City Hall and Civic Center:

The Winter Park at Civic Center Ice Rink Opening Event

Friday, November 30, 11am - 12pm (rink open from 12pm - 10pm daily through January 6)
Ribbon-cutting featuring Brian Boitano, SF Ice Theater, and Yerba Buena Little Skaters.

Family Weekends in Civic Center

December 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22; 10am - 4pm

Free kids games and activities including face-painting and photos with Santa Claus.

City Hall Pop Up Holiday Shop in Northern Light Court

Tuesday, December 4, 11am - 6pm

Over 50 local makers and manufacturers will have stands where the public can purchase their goods; live music, raffle, sweets.



Annual Civic Center Plaza Tree Lighting

Wednesday, December 5, 5pm - 7pm

Hosted by San Francisco Recreation and Park Department and Civic Center Commons. Another Planet Entertainment and SFPD will sponsor a Toy Giveaway for 400 kids; performances by Tap Dancing Trees, San Francisco Girls Chorus, and Boxcar Theatre holiday characters; snow, music, drinks, and sweets.

Mayor's Holiday Fair

Sunday, December 9, 10am - 4pm

Attractions in the outdoor plaza will be complemented with activities inside City Hall, including photos with Santa Claus, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa festivities, and a view of the City Hall Tree inside the Rotunda.

More information on these events can be found at www.civiccentercommons.org/2018-holiday-season-in-civic-center-commons/. For general information about the area and the overall efforts of the City and its many partners to improve the City's central civic spaces, please visit www.civiccentercommons.org.

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