



Michelle Lee (SFSU 2022)

Ethnicity: Chinese

Place of Birth: Seattle, WA

Party Affiliation: Democratic

Highest Elected Position:
Mayor of San Francisco (2011-17)

Other Positions:

SF City Administrator; SF Human Rights Commission, Director

Edwin Mah Lee

(May 5, 1952-December 12, 2017)

Edwin, better known as "Ed," was the fourth of six children of working-class immigrant parents from Toishan, China. He was interim San Francisco mayor when then-Mayor Gavin Newsom stepped down in 2011 to be the Lieutenant Governor of California. In 2015, Ed ran for mayor and became the first elected APIA mayor of San Francisco. He was also considered the first nonpolitician serving in office. While advocating the rise of high-tech companies in the city, Ed was also committed to affordable housing and ending homelessness. The Golden State Warriors' arena in Mission Bay was his "legacy project." Numerous public sites are named after Ed, such as the Edwin M. Lee International Airport Departures Hall at the SF International Airport.