



September 18, 2017

Re: Healthy Mothers Workplace Awards – Invitation to Participate

Dear Department Heads,

Healthy babies and families are critical for a thriving city and vibrant communities; and employers are instrumental in creating healthy workplaces for parents and their babies. The Healthy Mothers Workplace Coalition promotes the health of new parents and their children by improving working conditions and perinatal healthcare practices through public education, public policy development and an award program that recognizes employers for “excellence in health and gender equity.”

Each year, the coalition sponsors the Healthy Mothers Workplace Awards, which recognize San Francisco employers who voluntarily engage in policies and practices that support the well-being of working parents. Last year’s 43 award honorees represented a diverse range of organizations in San Francisco, including technology companies, nonprofits, global law firms and small businesses. The Coalition has given 118 Healthy Mothers Workplace Awards of Excellence to 62 unique employers over the last four years, positively impacting more than 36,000 employees. Since the beginning of this initiative, several City departments have also earned the distinction of these awards.

This year, I urge you all once again to please participate—and encourage your networks to participate—in the Healthy Mothers Workplace initiative.

Those that meet certain criteria will earn a certificate and distinction of a “Healthy Mothers Workplace Award of Excellence,” and will be recognized at a ceremony on Monday, October 16th from 2 – 4 p.m. at the San Francisco Federal Building.

For those that do not meet the criteria, the Healthy Mothers Workplace Coalition will work with them to make desired improvements to workplace policies that impact working parents and their babies. For a copy of the assessment and more information please visit www.healthymothersworkplace.org.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this very important program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edwin M. Lee".

Edwin M. Lee
Mayor