



GREETINGS FROM THE MAYOR

On behalf of the City and County of San Francisco, it is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the American Geophysical Union's 45th Annual Fall Meeting, being held on December 3-7, 2012 in San Francisco. Since its inception, the American Geophysical Union (AGU) has been tireless in their pursuit of advancing earth and space sciences for the benefit of humanity. The American Geophysical Union, an international non-profit association with more than 60,000 members is built on a foundation of shared ideals that include exchanging ideas and information freely, respecting a diversity of ideas and approaches, and achieving excellence and integrity in everything they do.

With tens of thousands of attendees expected, in the coming days you will be connecting with colleagues, broadening your knowledge bases and embracing the joy of science. San Francisco is proud to be a hub for innovation and ideas, and as Mayor of this great City, it is my hope that this conference will help the members of the American Geophysical Union engage in stimulating dialogue and foster ideas that can positively impact the world.

I commend the American Geophysical Union for once again choosing San Francisco for this conference and for their continued partnership throughout the years. Congratulations to all the individuals who helped to make the AGU Fall 2012 conference a success, and best wishes for all your future endeavors.

With warmest regards,

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

Edwin M. Lee
Mayor