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SHERIFF VICKI HENNESSY DECLINES TO RUN FOR RE-ELECTION IN 2019

San Francisco Sheriff Vicki Hennessy, the city's first elected female Sheriff, announced today that she will not seek re-election in November 2019.

The Sheriff cited health and family priorities as her reasons for not seeking a second term.

"I am grateful for everyone's support, professionalism, and commitment throughout my career and during my tenure as Sheriff – especially to my dedicated sworn and non-sworn staff," Hennessy said.

As many of you know, I had surgery earlier this year. While I had a successful first operation, complete recovery remains elusive until I take the time to concentrate on my well-being full time."

Vicki Hennessy joined the San Francisco Sheriff's Department in 1975 as a member of the first recruit class, which included women, communities of color, and LGBT deputies. She quickly promoted and became the youngest captain in California law enforcement in 1983.

Sheriff Hennessy has served in every division while part of the department's executive management team from 1983 through 2008 and has been at the center of the City's national leadership in criminal justice policies, which emphasize rehabilitation, restorative justice and successful re-entry.

Under Sheriff Hennessy's leadership, the San Francisco Sheriff's Department:

- Developed and implemented groundbreaking Transgender, Gender Variant and Non-Binary (TGN) certified training and procedures in the jails;

- Abolished criminal justice fees for individuals sentenced to electronic monitoring and Sheriff's Work Alternative Program (SWAP) fees, eliminating one of the financial barriers to returning residents' re-entry;
- Collaborated with the Mayor's office to fund the expansion of the court-ordered pretrial release program, which increased the number of people out of custody on alternatives to incarceration.

San Francisco voters elected Hennessy, 66, in 2015 with 61 percent of the vote. She assumed office on January 8, 2016 and will complete her term in January of 2020. She is the first San Francisco Sheriff since the office was established in 1850 to rise through the ranks and win election to the Department's highest position.

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