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**ASSESSOR CARMEN CHU ANNOUNCES INVESTMENT IN NEW TECHNOLOGIES
TO MANAGE OVER 208,000 REAL PROPERTY RECORDS**

SAN FRANCISCO – The Office of the Assessor-Recorder maintains historical records for over 208,000 parcels in the City and County of San Francisco. This February, Assessor Carmen Chu officially announced an ambitious goal to go paperless.

“My vision is to create an ‘easy-to-search-and-retrieve’ system for all our property files. Think about Google search for all real estate documents and files for the City,” expressed Assessor Carmen Chu. “We would eliminate lost files and documents and preserve important information for each of the City’s unique properties,” said Chu.

Currently, the Office stores paper files for each parcel in City Hall. The files include relevant information including building cards, past appraisals, and photographs. Files can be misfiled or misplaced leading to lost files and the documents are not scanned or preserved in the case of disaster like fire or water damage. In addition, other vital property files are stored on central servers or on individual computers. This project would consolidate all files into a single searchable, workable system.

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