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**With No Mayoral Veto, Supervisor Kim & Tenant Community Celebrate Passage of
Eviction Protections 2.0**

Victory for San Franciscans: Real Solutions to Stop Speculators and Sham Evictions

San Francisco – As the City faces increasing pressure to address a nationally publicized housing crisis, accelerated gentrification and widespread displacement, a broad, multiracial coalition of community organizations and concerned residents secured unanimous passage of Eviction Protections 2.0 (“EP 2.0”). Despite an early threat of a mayoral veto, EP 2.0 successfully passes into law today with no veto issued by Mayor Lee.

Supervisor Kim, the lead author and sponsor of EP 2.0, credited the tenant community and advocates for EP’s success. “Without the courage of tenants speaking out like Theresa Flandrich, Gum Lam Lee, Robert Dodd and John Cress, Daisy Macarthur, and so many just like them telling the eviction deniers about their real struggles to stay in their homes, we would not be here today. We won a victory today for all San Franciscans who care about affordability. We know from the Housing Balance report published in July 2015, that we are running in place when it comes to affordable housing.”

According to the Housing Balance report, San Francisco added 6559 affordable housing units between 2004 and 2014 but lost 5470 rent-controlled apartments due to a variety of no fault evictions allowed by state law. “This data shows very clearly that our anti-eviction work is every bit as important as our work supporting the development of new housing.”

“The country is looking at San Francisco to set the stage for solutions to these regional and national issues,” said Maria Zamudio, Executive Director of Causa Justa::Just Cause, one of the lead advocates for EP 2.0. “The Mission district is ground zero for the displacement of thousands of San Franciscans due to the rapidly growing inequality in our City. But today, we celebrate because the advocacy and tenacity of the tenant community has resulted in the passage of one of the strongest tenant’s rights laws in the state. Today, the people won.”

“The passing of this law is the fruit of communities across the city working together with tenant representatives on the Board of Supervisors. The Community Tenants Association especially



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thanks Supervisor Kim for working so hard as the author. We also thank Supervisors Mar, Avalos, and Campos for co-sponsoring the legislation and to the Chair of the Land Use Committee, Supervisor Malia Cohen," said Wing Hoo Leung, CTA President.

"With this victory, thousands of tenants have a fighting chance to stay in their homes," said Sara Shortt, Executive Director of Housing Rights Committee of San Francisco. "This legislation was crucial to stopping the sham evictions and abuse of tenants that we see on a regular basis."

EP 2.0 amends the Rent Ordinance to bar rent increases or evictions based solely on the addition of roommates; requires landlords to set the new base rent for the next 5 years as the lawful rent in effect at the time of the vacancy in certain situations such as an Owner-Move-In eviction; provides tenants with an opportunity to cure minor violations before an eviction may be pursued against them; and requires landlords to provide information to tenants in multiple languages regarding the availability of resources and information.

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