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**Supervisor Kim Introduces Veto-Proof SAFE SF Civil Rights Ordinance With  
Community Support**

(SAN FRANCISCO, CA - 04/10/12) On January 24th, 2012, Supervisor Kim introduced the SAFE San Francisco Civil Rights Ordinance along with co-sponsors David Chiu, John Avalos, Christina Olague, Eric Mar and David Campos. The ordinance was brought to the office by a community coalition of over 80 organizations, and restored local oversight of the San Francisco Police Department's (SFPD) participation in the Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF).

Last Tuesday, the ordinance passed, 6-5, just two votes short of a veto-proof majority. The Mayor indicated publicly that he would veto the legislation, after the SFPD expressed concerns that the ordinance was sound in spirit but unnecessary. Following months of community pressure, and on the heels of a prayer rally attended by over 300 community members, the Mayor's Office agreed to a compromise ordinance with full support from the Coalition for Safe San Francisco.

Supervisor Kim said, "At its heart, this ordinance is about protecting our most basic civil rights, in addition to sending a strong message that racial profiling is unacceptable and that MOU's between city and federal agencies must be transparent and public. I am very happy that the City is showing its strong support for this issue."

The new legislation, while not as specific as the original, accomplishes three of the coalition's major goals :

- Bringing JTTF activities by SFPD officers under the control of California constitutional and San Francisco standards;



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- Requiring that any new agreements or amendments to agreements be subject to public review and discussion before the police commission before they are entered into;
- Creating annual reporting requirements on JTTF activities by SFPD officers to the police commission.

Supervisor Avalos said, "This is something that doesn't just impact our South Asian, Arab American and Muslim communities – as we saw throughout the moving testimony over the past several months, this impacts everyone."

Supervisors Wiener and Cohen added their co-sponsorship of the legislation today, bringing the total number of co-sponsors to eight. A hard copy of the new legislation can be obtained from Supervisor Kim's office. A digital copy is attached here for reference. The original ordinance was vetoed today at the full board.

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