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*****SUPERVISOR SHAMANN WALTON SECURES FUNDING FOR
VISITACION VALLEY PUBLIC SAFETY MEASURES*****

SAN FRANCISCO, CA – San Francisco Board of Supervisors Board President and District 10 Supervisor Shamann Walton introduced legislation to secure \$250,000 to the Office of Economic Workforce Development (OEWD) to implement cameras and other public safety measures in Visitacion Valley as part of the [District 10 Public Safety Plan](#).

Through collaboration with community based organizations, town halls, and meetings with residents prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, Supervisor Walton created the City's first District 10 Community Safety Plan to support successful public safety work in District 10 including plans on bringing more cameras to the Visitacion Valley neighborhood and increasing language access for limited English speaking residents.

"Residents of Visitacion Valley have been advocating for more public safety measures including cameras," said Supervisor Walton. "We are excited to bring these resources to the neighborhood to implement the public safety plan and we look forward to partnering with SF SAFE and the community on this."

"This is a big win for a community that has lived in fear for several years. A big blow to criminals who come to Visitacion Valley to perpetrate and victimize a vulnerable community," said Rex Tabora, Executive Director of the Asian Pacific American Community Center (APACC). "A testament to a Supervisor who is willing to walk the street with his constituents and listen to their concerns. He went back to City Hall and convinced his colleagues to bring resources where they are needed."

"SF SAFE is proud to serve the diverse neighborhoods of Bayview as a consistent platform for community education, engagement and empowerment," said Kyra Worthy, Executive Director of San Francisco SAFE Inc. "We support innovative public safety tools in the hands of residents



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that are guided by equity, informed through community consensus, and keep our commercial corridors and neighborhoods alike safe, thriving, and resilient."

"We have many elderly residents in Visitacion Valley as well as many immigrant residents who have limited English skills but we all share a common goal of wanting to feel safe," said Jenny Mai of the Visitacion Valley Neighborhood Association. "I'm happy that these resources are coming into the community to improve public safety."

The legislation will be heard at the Budget and Finance Committee at the Board of Supervisors in September after the August recess. Opportunities for community feedback will be available during the Budget and Finance Committee hearing and additional opportunities for community feedback will be available after the legislation passes.

About San Francisco SAFE Inc.

SF SAFE was created in 1976 as a project of the SFPD. In 1980, SF SAFE became a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation, and 40 years later, continues to act as the crime prevention component of the police department. SAFE educates & empowers SF to build safer neighborhoods through community engagement that results in stronger, more vibrant, connected & resilient communities. SF SAFE's services provide people with the tools, knowledge and skills to help address and prevent crime and violence and to become advocates for safety and wellness in their neighborhoods. Most services are provided cost-free to the San Francisco community. Ultimately, SF SAFE's work is about working together to create a safer San Francisco.

About Asian Pacific American Community Center (APACC)

APACC's mission is to help strengthen Asian Pacific American families living in Visitacion Valley by providing linguistically and culturally appropriate programs and services. Their clients are mostly low and moderate income immigrant families with limited or no English proficiency. The goal of their programs are to ensure that our clients receive support in the form of education, resources and referrals needed to adapt and become self-sufficient and their ultimate goal is for families to thrive and our community to be confident, healthy, strong and safe.

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