

City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors – District 6 JANE KIM

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<u>Supervisor Kim Stands with Neighborhood in Calling for</u> Community Participation in Navigation Center Site Selection

San Francisco, CA – Pursuant to today's announcement by the mayoral administration that a new Navigation Center was planned for a location in District 6, Supervisor Jane Kim expressed her immense disappointment that the administration failed to provide sufficient notice to the residents, businesses, and other stakeholders of the surrounding neighborhood:

"I support the Navigation Center model – no one should be left to struggle to survive on the streets. But there must be a process to allow the public to weigh in. Just as we wouldn't locate a Navigation Center in Pacific Heights or West Portal or the Castro without public input, we shouldn't put a center in District 6 without that same opportunity. We need to do more to help homeless residents and we should have a Navigation Center in every district and I'd support the first one being in District 6 - but not without proper public input."

The Mayor's office notified Supervisor Kim's staff late Monday afternoon that a potential site was being explored in the district and advised that an article was being developed between the Mayor's office of communications and the San Francisco Chronicle. Supervisor Kim's position was made very clear: there should be no public announcement or executive decision made without a public process to involve the residents and businesses surrounding the possible location.

"I'm demanding an immediate community meeting with the Mayor's office in attendance to initiate the public conversation that should have happened before any announcement or decision was made unilaterally and I'm looking forward to hearing the details alongside my constituents," stated Supervisor Kim.