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**Community Unites to Demand Improved Safety in District 5**

*Safety Meeting Set for Tuesday, October 9 to Discuss Public Safety Bill of Rights*

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., October 8, 2007 – Join SF5T and San Francisco city representatives for a community public safety meeting being held on Tuesday, October 9 at 7:00 p.m. at the Ida B. Wells community center located at 1099 Hayes Street at Piece Street in the Western Addition.

The purpose of this meeting is to focus on the action points detailed in the SF5Together (SF5T) Public Safety Bill of Rights that was signed by eight neighborhood groups and submitted to City officials in response to the recent increase in violent crime within the community. The Public Safety Bill of Rights requests immediate specific action to address escalating violence in District 5.

Members of community groups throughout District 5 and representatives from a variety of City agencies are expected to attend the meeting, including Commander Steve Tacchini and Deputy Chief Chin of the San Francisco Police Department; Russ Giuntini, Chief Assistant District Attorney; the Honorable James J McBride, Supervising Judge of the Criminal Division of the San Francisco Superior Court; Kyle Pederson, a representative from the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice; and others are expected to attend.

"The unending violence and tragic loss of young lives is unacceptable and we intend to do something about it right now," stated Emmett Gilman, president of SF5Together. "We are demanding action. Our community is no longer willing to accept violent deaths of young people...of children...as the status quo. We have decided to take a stand, and we are going to raise high holy hell if the City does not respond to our concerns."

For a complete copy of the SF5Together Public Safety Bill of Rights, please visit [www.NOPNA.org](http://www.NOPNA.org), or click directly on the following link: [SF5T Bill of Rights](#) .

**About SF5Togeter**

Formed in 2000, SF5 Together (SF5T) is a coalition of 20 neighborhood groups located in San Francisco's District 5. SF5T is committed to working together with one another and the District 5 supervisor, currently Ross Mirkarimi, to address issues affecting the community and to work together to make San Francisco a better place to live. SF5T serves a broad community of over 50,000 individuals in District 5. To learn more, please visit [www.sftogether.org](http://www.sftogether.org).

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