

During Summer of Love, San Francisco Demonstrates Power of Peaceful Gatherings and Messages of Unity

August 30, 2017 -- San Francisco, CA -- The Bar Association of San Francisco (BASF) and the Justice & Diversity Center (JDC) applaud all of those who peacefully gathered across San Francisco this past weekend in response to events planned by Patriot Prayer. San Franciscans from every corner of our diverse city gathered peacefully to share messages of unity and respect for all people regardless of their color, national origin, sexual orientation or gender identity. We are proud of our city officials for working so closely together to manage multiple events across the city, including the mayor's office, the San Francisco Police Department, Board of Supervisors and various city, state, and federal officials and agencies.

These gatherings of peace and unity in the face of potential violence are symbols of the values that we share as a community, and they represent the core values of both BASF and JDC.

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The Bar Association of San Francisco (BASF) is a nonprofit voluntary membership organization of attorneys, law students, and legal professionals in the San Francisco Bay Area. Founded in 1872, BASF enjoys the support of more than 7,300 individuals, law firms, corporate legal departments, and law schools. Through its board of directors, its committees, and its volunteer legal services programs and other community efforts, BASF has worked actively to promote and achieve equal justice for all and oppose discrimination in all its forms, including, but not limited to, discrimination based on race, sex, disability, and sexual orientation. BASF provides a collective voice for public advocacy, advances professional growth and education, and attempts to elevate the standards of integrity, honor, and respect in the practice of law.

The Justice & Diversity Center (JDC) advances fairness and equality by providing pro bono legal services to low-income people and educational programs that foster diversity in the legal profession. JDC is the largest legal services providers in San Francisco. JDC's primary purpose is the delivery of free legal services to low-income San Franciscans, as well as the non-profits that serve them. JDC delivers free legal services through its Legal Services Programs division, which consists of the Pro Bono Legal Services Program, Homeless Advocacy Project, and the Immigration Program. JDC provides enrichment programs to diverse youth and young adults through its Diversity Educational Programs. JDC's programs serve approximately 9,500 disadvantaged San Franciscans a year, with the overarching goal of assisting the community's most vulnerable members with accessing the judicial system and strengthening their personal, professional, and economic security.