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***** STATEMENT****

San Francisco Human Rights Commission on the Passing of Former South Africa President and Universal Human Rights Leader Nelson Mandela

San Francisco, CA- On behalf of the San Francisco Human Rights Commission (HRC), Commission Chair Michael A. Sweet issued the following statement on the passing of Nelson Mandela:

“Nelson Mandela was a champion for world peace and a courageous martyr for the cause of freedom and civil rights for all people. He was a great leader and statesman who embodied the truest essence of the definition of humanitarian. Mandela’s legacy will continue to inspire us who work tirelessly to promote human rights and will also continue to serve as a beacon reminding all that we must be forever vigilant in advancing tolerance and compassion and affording dignity and respect to all people no matter the race, origin, age, gender, life preference, spiritual beliefs, or physical challenges.

These tenets are truly the hallmark of life in San Francisco and the principles for which our great nation was founded.

Mr. Mandela was a hero to all and his quiet but resolute stand against discrimination and oppression of all forms will be forever a part of our global consciousness.”

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The San Francisco Human Rights Commission was established in 1964 by City Ordinance and became a Charter Commission in 1990. In 2014 the HRC will celebrate 50 years of distinguished public service in human rights advocacy for the City and County of San Francisco.