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JEWISH COMMUNITY SUPPORTS KENNEDY/GRAY MEASURE ON APARTHEID

The organized Jewish community of San Francisco, the Peninsula and Marin and Sonoma Counties has expressed support of the Kennedy-Gray bill on South Africa, and the principles which it espouses.

This action was taken at the June meeting of the Jewish Community Relations Council, which comprises over 100 Jewish organizations and congregations in the San Francisco area.

"This organized Jewish community has long had a strong position against apartheid," said Tanette Goldberg, Chairman of the JCRC. "We could scarcely do otherwise. As the Israeli Ambassador to the UN recently pointed out, Jews have historically been the victims of racism and must oppose it everywhere.

"This Jewish community now urges Congress to pass the Kennedy-Gray bill, which would bar new investments, including bank loans by any American in South Africa. The law would provide for waivers of this prohibition if the President and Congress find a substantial measure of progress in certain conditions, including: eliminating the ban on housing for black families near their places of employment; establishing the right to seek employment anywhere; eliminating distinctions between the South African nationality of blacks and whites; eliminating the mass removal of black populations from certain areas; the opening of negotiations for a political system which will allow for the full participation of all South Africans; and the freeing of political prisoners."

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