

Fall 2018

Dear Community Merchant,

Last year, former Taraval Police District Captain Denise Flaherty initiated a new public safety program called "Kids' Safe Zone." The purpose of the program is to provide children and youth who feel threatened, bullied, harassed, or otherwise afraid on our community streets a refuge in a partner-merchant's place of business. There, the merchant will contact the police and / or the young person's parents or guardians.

The program, now under the direction of Captain Robert Yick, has several Safe Zones in the Outer Sunset along Judah, Noriega, and Sloat, and three in the vicinity of Park Merced. More will be added throughout Taraval District in the months ahead. Each Safe Zone is identifiable by a distinctive purple sign (see below).

Captain Yick's Community-Police Advisory Board is now reaching out to community merchants who might wish to participate in the program. Partner merchants selected to participate would commit to providing a "safe zone" for children and youth in their place of business. The protocols are straightforward:

- 1) Separate the child or youth from the perceived threat;
- 2) contact SFPD and / or the parents / guardians;
- 3) await arrival of SFPD / parents or guardians with the child or youth; and
- 4) avoid behind alone with the child in an isolated or closed-off location in the meantime.

If interested, or if you would like more information about the program, please email John Zwolinski, Taraval Station CPAB Co-chair, at [CPABJohnZ@taraval.org](mailto:CPABJohnZ@taraval.org) .

Thank you!

Taraval Station CPAB

