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SAN FRANCISCO — A town hall meeting on the controversial "Three Strikes and You're Out" legislation with major players on both sides of the issue, including Joe Klass, father of the murder victim Polly Klass, Assemblyman Bill Jones who is the co-author of AB 971, and San Francisco Sheriff Michael Hennessey, is scheduled from 4 to 6 p.m., Tuesday, April 19 in the auditoriums at Golden Gate University, 536 Mission St. The meeting is free and open to the public.

San Francisco Superior Court Judge William J. Cahill will be the moderator of the two-part meeting. The first segment is designed to provide perspectives on the "three-strikes" proposal. During this segment Klass and Jones will speak, along with Jerome H. Skolnic, a law professor at the University of California, Boalt Hall School of Law and president of the American Society of Criminology; and Thomas J. Orloff, chief assistant district attorney for Alameda County.

"Alternatives to Prison: Do They Work?" is the question to be posed during the second segment which features Hennessey, Delancy Street Foundation President Mimi Silbert, Mitchell Salazar of the Real Alternatives Program, and Sid Smith of OMI Neighbors in Action.

The meeting is cosponsored by the Bar Association of San Francisco, the Commonwealth Club, the Helzel Family Foundation, the Recorder, Golden Gate University, Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights, Jack Berman Advocacy Center, Jewish Community Relations Council, American Jewish Committee, San Francisco La Raza Lawyers Association, Coalition for Civil Rights, San Francisco Chamber of Commerce and the Charles Houston Bar Association.

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