



**Beaming** constituents and supporters, in the audience during Kim's swearing-in, surround her afterward in the hall outside her new office. Her speech included thank yous in both Korean and English: "I wouldn't be here if not for the community of support that brought me here," she said.



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**In her first** speech in chambers, during the swearing-in ceremony, Kim reflects on her District 6 campaign: "[What] really struck me was the openness and the honesty of the residents ... and hopefulness. A lot of hopefulness."

## Supervisor Kim: 'I will always listen'

CROWDS of family, supporters and media greeted Jane Kim and her newly elected fellow supervisors at the Jan. 8 swearing-in ceremony. Flashes from digital cameras sparkled throughout the room. Reporters sardined themselves into the press box while media photographers, still and video, angled for ideal shots of the four new board members.

Once they were sworn in and the full board elected its new president — David Chiu, who was nominated by Kim — the freshmen supervisors got a chance to make brief remarks and thank yous.

"The district that I'm representing is a passionate district ... a district that is dynamic, that is changing, that has an opportunity to be a model for the city of San Francisco, because it is both new and emerging and historic," Kim said.

She knew it would be a challenging district to run in because of its diversity, she said. But talking to the residents, she found they wanted the same things: more jobs, cleaner and safer streets, better schools.

"And they want it to be a place that's open to everybody. ... I support community-building," she said, acknowledging her work as a community organizer that began in Chinatown 10 years ago.

"How we change together is by caring about one another. ... I will always listen and be an open door." ■

— MARJORIE BEGGS



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**Left:** Newbies take their seats: Kim sits next to the three other freshmen supervisors at their first full board meeting — Scott Wiener (District 8), Malia Cohen (District 10) and Mark Farrell (District 2). Supervisor David Campos (District 9) is at the end of the row. **Center:** During the full board meeting, Kim confers with Legislative Aide April Veneracion, formerly an aide to Chris Daly. Kim's first actions were a call for a hearing on pedestrian safety in SoMa and a request for a bedbug update. **Right:** Kim and District 1 Supervisor Eric Mar share a light moment in her new office, room 282. "I'm so happy to be working with him again," she told *The Extra*, citing the four years their tenures as members of the Board of Education overlapped. Kim, first elected to the school board in 2006, was named its president in January 2010. On her office walls are paintings of neighborhood residents by Tenderloin artist Hugh Leeman.

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