

Take a Stand, S.F. Bar Urged

Leaders of the Bar Association of San Francisco called on their colleagues in the local bar yesterday to support a continued independent investigation of Watergate.

They also urged "a reaffirmation of basic principles . . . involving the rule as controlling this country's affairs and the need for forthrightness in communicating about those affairs."

The statement, signed by Bar Association president Michael Traynor, three past presidents and other bar officials, urged formal endorsement at a bar association meeting tomorrow of a four-point course of action.

The first plank in the proposed platform is directed at President Nixon himself: "The President of the United States, in his actions and what he says about those actions, must be the prime exemplar of those (constitutional) principles."

The second plank calls for "the rule of law to determine what evidence related to Watergate in the possession or control of the White House . . . should be turned

over."

Third is a plea that all branches of the government "should be employed effectively to develop the whole truth."

Finally, the proposal urges support for the legal actions started by special prosecutor Archibald Cox.

"A special prosecutor independent of the executive branch should be established, funded, equipped and staffed promptly to continue the work, momentum and investigations already begun by Special Prosecutor Cox."

The former Bar Association presidents signing the statement were Charles Clifford, Richard Dinkelspiel and Robert Raven.

They were joined by Robert H. Fabian, president-elect of the bar; William H. Orrick Jr., secretary; Graydon S. Staring, treasurer; David E. Nelson and Robert G. Sproul Jr., co-chairmen of the San Francisco Lawyers Committee for Urban Affairs, and Frank D. Tatum Jr., president of the Legal Aid Society of San Francisco.