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**\*\*\*PRESS RELEASE\*\*\***

**San Francisco Human Rights Commission Community Conversations  
Series to Feature Author Janna Barkin Speaking on Her Experience  
Raising a Transgender Child**

*Janna Barkin is the author of "He's Always Been My Son: A Mother's Story about Raising Her Transgender Son"*

*Barkin will participate in a three-part conversation series hosted by the San Francisco Human Rights Commission Wednesday, January 10, 17 & 24, 2018*

**(San Francisco, CA)** As part of its Help Against Hate initiative, the San Francisco Human Rights Commission (SF-HRC) is pleased to announce that its highly popular weekly lunch time “Community Conversations Series” is continuing in 2018. Janna Barkin, author of ***He's Always Been My Son: A Mother's Story About Raising Her Transgender Son*** will kick off the 2018 lunch time series on Wednesday, January 10, 2018 @ 25 Van Ness RM #70. This is the first installment of a three-part conversation to continue on Wednesday January 17 & 24, 2018.

On her blog Barkin chronicles one experience while promoting her book where she meets an out and proud transgender child and the instant bond Barkin shared with the child’s mother calling it a “momma pride” glance. Barkin notes “This is why I do my work. I hope that sharing our story and educating about gender will lead to greater understanding and acceptance among us. And I hope that one day all transgender, non-binary, and gender non-conforming people can feel as comfortable and proud of their gender ID as my young friend with the big smile and bright eyes.”

In 2018 the SF-HRC will continue the weekly lunch time event that features prominent subject matter experts discussing a variety of topics ranging from racism, social justice and community empowerment, the impact of power & privilege, human rights advocacy and activism and community healing and resilience. The lunch time presentations are from Noon-1:00pm at 25 Van Ness Avenue or a location to be announced. Lunch is provided.

***This programming is a part of the San Francisco Human Rights Commission “Community Conversations Series” which is meant to inspire courageous dialogue on issues of equity and direct action, in a healing space made for community to express love and provide help in the face of hate.***