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**SAN FRANCISCO HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION ANNOUNCES COMMUNITY PROJECT
ON ISLAMOPHOBIA AND POST-9/11 ETHNIC AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION**

(San Francisco, CA) --The San Francisco Human Rights Commission announces the launch of a community project on Islamophobia and post-9/11 ethnic and racial discrimination. The project, entitled "*Living in an Unfinished America: Shared Experiences of Discrimination and Resilience by Arab, Muslim, and Sikh Americans*," showcases the lived experiences of community members through photography and narrative.

"The San Francisco Human Rights Commission is proud to partner with our Arab, Muslim, and Sikh communities on this important and timely project. It will increase public awareness around the long-term impact of discrimination and bias," said Susan Belinda Christian, Chair of the San Francisco Human Rights Commission.

The project brings together participants from Arab, Muslim, and Sikh communities to highlight how Islamophobia and post-9/11 ethnic and racial discrimination have affected communities across the San Francisco Bay Area. Participants use photography and narrative to represent their everyday experiences with Islamophobia and anti-Arab prejudice, and identify community strengths and coping strategies that help to build resilience and counter the effects of discrimination.

"Especially since 9/11, HRC has worked closely with our Arab, African, Middle Eastern, Muslim and South Asian (AAMEMSA) community partners to address issues of discrimination, profiling, stereotyping, and harassment. This project is a continuation of our commitment to our AAMEMSA communities. Our goal is to bring awareness of these issues to policymakers, health and social service providers, educators, and the general public," said Theresa Sparks, Executive Director of the San Francisco Human Rights Commission.

The project was conducted in collaboration with Council on American-Islamic Relations, Asian Law Caucus, Arab Cultural & Community Center, Islamic Networks Group, Sikh Coalition, and the San Francisco Department of Public Health and District Attorney's office. Dr. Edward Mamary, professor of public health at San José State University, served as the principal investigator. The project is funded by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency.

The project will debut as a public exhibit in the **City Hall Rotunda on Thursday, April 2 at 5pm**. City and community leaders will provide remarks. Members of the public are invited to attend.