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******STATEMENT******

SF Human Rights Commission Condemns Islamophobic Terrorist Attacks at New Zealand Mosques

San Francisco, CA – The Human Rights Commission (HRC) is filled with profound grief following heartbreaking news of the terrorist attacks that took the lives of 49 Muslim worshippers, including young children, and injured dozens more at two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand. The massacre, rooted in Islamophobia and white nationalism, was an act of unprecedented hate violence and marks the deadliest shooting in the modern history of New Zealand.

The HRC stands in solidarity with Muslim communities in New Zealand and around the world, especially as Islamophobia and hate violence are on the rise internationally. Any act of gun violence is unacceptable; that a minority group at the intersection of religion, race and immigration was intentionally targeted based on a radical ideology makes this crime even more disturbing.

The HRC has worked closely with the San Francisco Bay Area's Muslim community to address Islamophobia and post-9/11 ethnic and racial discrimination through policy and community relations initiatives. The HRC reaffirms its commitment to protecting civil rights and public safety for the San Francisco Bay Area's diverse Muslim communities, and joins local and international leaders in extending solidarity to communities in New Zealand.

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