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**The San Francisco Human Rights Commission to Hold Upcoming Hearing on
Community-Police Relations on April 13, 2017**

*Hearing to Focus on “Healing and Trust: Understanding and Addressing Bias in
Law Enforcement.”*

Opportunity for the Public to Speak on the Eradication of Bias in Law Enforcement.

San Francisco, CA—Following the San Francisco Police Department’s adoption of its new Use of Force Policy, the San Francisco Human Rights Commission (HRC) will host a public hearing entitled, “Healing and Trust: Understanding and Addressing Bias in Law Enforcement,” to address the state of community-police relations. Through testimony from experts, law enforcement, and community members, this public hearing is an opportunity to create dialogue and take steps toward building a safer community, including ways to build trust between law enforcement and the community and promote healing. The hearing will take place on Thursday, April 13 at 5:30 p.m. in Room 416 of San Francisco City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102.

HRC Executive Director Sheryl Evans Davis noted, “After a rise in officer-involved shootings, the San Francisco Police Commission approved the SFPD’s new Use of Force Policy— revised for the first time in over twenty years. Since then, City government agencies, community members, and law enforcement have engaged in dialogue and research to examine the causes, patterns, and impact of police bias on our community. Improving policy is the first step to improving practice.”

This hearing is part of an ongoing effort to examine the ways in which police bias impacts our community. By addressing the issue of police bias and exploring solutions collaboratively, the HRC hope to foster mutual trust and healing so that law enforcement and community members can work together to create a safer future.

The Human Rights Commission has invited law enforcement officials, educators, and community leaders, among others, to attend and give testimony. In addition, the HRC is actively seeking community members to share their stories and recommendations in public comment.

For more information about the HRC’s upcoming hearing, contact Noah Frigault, Policy Analyst, at (415) 252-2531 or noah.frigault@sfgov.org; or visit sf-hrc.org.

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