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Media Alert

San Francisco's World Refugee Day

**To Celebrate The Courage And Contributions Of Refugees And
San Francisco's Commitment To Welcoming And Integrating Immigrants,**

Friday, June 16

WHAT:

San Francisco's World Refugee Day

The public is invited to an afternoon of cultural performances, food, music, speakers, a talent show, a costume show and more to celebrate the courage and contributions of refugees, and reaffirm San Francisco's commitment to integrating immigrants and remaining a Sanctuary City and a Welcoming Community.

The free afternoon event is supported by the **San Francisco Department of Public Health** and **San Francisco Human Services Agency** and is hosted by **Arriba Juntos** and **SF-Coalition of Asylee, Immigrant, and Refugee Services (SF-CAIRS)**.

WHEN:

Friday, June 16, 12 noon to 3:30 pm

Schedule:

Special Program from main stage, 1:00 pm

WHERE:

1850 Mission Street, San Francisco

WHO:

1:00 pm program to feature:

Sysvahn Kabkeo, The California Refugee Programs Bureau Chief,
Adrienne Pon, Executive Director, San Francisco Immigrant Rights Commission and the Office of Civic Engagement and Immigrant Affairs (OCEIA), City and County of San Francisco

Dr. Tomás J. Aragón, Health Officer for the City and County of San Francisco

Dr. Hali Hammer, Director of Primary Care, San Francisco Health Network, SF Department of Public Health



TICKETS AND INFO:

The event is free and open to the public. For further information please visit www.sfcairs.org or call 415-487-3247.

To participate in the talent show or costume show, or to have your organization host a table, please contact vmagallanes@arribajuntos.org or 415-487-3247.

BACKGROUND:

World Refugee Day has been marked on June 20 ever since the UN General Assembly adopted resolution 55/76 in December 2000 noting that 2001 marked the 50th anniversary of the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees, and that the Organization of African Unity (OAU) had agreed to have International Refugee Day coincide with Africa Refugee Day on June 20.

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