



**RECOGNIZING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
BERKELEY SOUTH ASIAN RADICAL HISTORY WALKING TOUR**

- WHEREAS,** Barnali Ghosh and Anirvan Chatterjee created the Berkeley South Asian Radical History Walking Tour in 2012; and
- WHEREAS,** the walking tour uses storytelling, visuals, and street theater to bring alive a century of Berkeley South Asian organizing histories, including the first anti-racist protest in 1908, the creation of LGBTQ community spaces, the Ghadar Party's work to liberate India from British rule, the Alliance of South Asians Taking Action's intersectional feminist response to trafficking, and anti-racist action by Muslim and Sikh students at Berkeley High School after 9/11; and
- WHEREAS,** the tour has become a beloved cultural institution, bringing 3,500 visitors from across the country to the streets of Berkeley over the course of 225 tours; and
- WHEREAS,** Chatterjee and Ghosh have conducted and shared extensive research on Berkeley's century-old South Asian American history, deepening and complicating public understanding of the people's history of Berkeley; and
- WHEREAS,** the project was a catalyst for the naming of Kala Bagai Way in Downtown Berkeley, honoring her resilience in the face of local and federal racism, and highlighting the importance of current efforts around housing and inclusion of newcomers; and
- WHEREAS,** the walking tour helps participants connect with San Francisco Bay Area activist groups, and donates all proceeds to South Asian American civil rights, youth organizing, and public history nonprofits.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Jesse Arreguin, Mayor of the City of Berkeley, do hereby recognize and commend the organizers of the

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on their 10th anniversary.



Jesse Arreguin
Mayor

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