

FREEDOM HOUSE FOUNDER JAIDA IM TO RECEIVE MODERN DAY ABOLITIONIST AWARD

*San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee to Present Award during Opening Ceremonies
For Human Trafficking Awareness Month*

SAN FRANCISCO, January 15, 2013 – San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee will present the 2013 Modern Day Abolitionist Award to Freedom House Founder and Executive Director Jaida Im today during ceremonies at City Hall marking the opening of Human Trafficking Awareness Month. Jaida Im is being recognized for her outstanding work in the field of victim assistance and protection by the San Francisco Collaborative Against Human Trafficking (SFCaHT), which sponsors the prestigious award. Winners of the SFCaHT Poster Contest also will be announced, with local San Francisco children being honored by the mayor.

The joint press conference is being held by the San Francisco Human Rights Commission, the Department on the Status of Women (DOSW) and SFCaHT. Mayor Ed Lee, Carmen Chu of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, Nancy Goldberg, SFCaHT Co-Chair, Minh Dang, Human Trafficking survivor and activist, and Marily Mondejar, president of Friends of the Commission on the Status of Women, are expected to attend.

The press conference will commence at 10:30 a.m. in Room #416, City Hall.

About Freedom House:

Located in the San Francisco Bay Area, Freedom House is an independent 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with a mission to bring hope, restoration, and a new life to survivors of human trafficking by providing housing and long-term aftercare services. In August 2010, Freedom House launched The Monarch, the first and only safe home and aftercare program in Northern California for adult female survivors of human trafficking. The Nest, its innovative residential shelter for minors, is scheduled to open in late 2013. Through its pioneering aftercare model, Freedom House is breaking the cycle of human exploitation and creating new futures for survivors of all ages. For more information about Freedom House, please visit www.FreedomHouseSF.org.

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