



## **GREETINGS FROM THE MAYOR**

On behalf of the City and County of San Francisco, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Beyond Persia's SOLH-fest, *an evening celebrating peace and mutual understanding via the Arts*.

The diversity of San Francisco has always been one of our city's greatest strengths. Equally, San Franciscans have always been proud of the leadership in our multicultural communities that have helped shape our nation in the on-going challenge to foster equality, acceptance, and tolerance for all people. The same principles cherished by Beyond Persia, and the Persian community throughout the Bay Area.

I commend the Iranian American community for its dedication to philanthropic causes, and the support of such events like SOLH-fest. We see the greatness of America in those who have risen above social barriers, and have enriched our society through education, the preservation and advancement of the arts and culture, leadership development and civic integration.

I wish everyone an enjoyable evening and best wishes for a successful event!

Warmest Personal Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gavin Newsom".

Gavin Newsom  
Mayor