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PRESS CONFERENCE ON NAN-HUI JO'S RELEASE & DAY OF ACTION
July 29, 2015**

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About Nan-Hui's Case:

<http://standwithnanhui.org/>

Media & Social Media Coverage

<http://standwithnanhui.org/select-media-coverage/>

List of Endorsements

<http://standwithnanhui.org/list-of-endorsements/>

Petition

bit.ly/standwithnanhui

Fundraising for Nan-Hui

<http://standwithnanhui.org/portfolio/donate/>

Twitter Hashtag

@StandWithNanHui

#StandWithNanHui

DAY OF ACTION ITINERARY
Wednesday, July 29, 2015 | 10am – 12pm

10:00 - 10:30 AM

Day of Action activities led by youth members from Chinese Progressive Association:

- “Selfie Action for Nan-Hui” to post on Tumblr
- Gallery Walk featuring stories of domestic violence survivors
- “Take Action” by tweeting at and calling Attorney General Kamala Harris

Traditional Korean Drumming by "leumsae"

10:30 - 11:15 AM

Press Conference with Nan-Hui Jo

- Speakers available for interviews immediately following press conference.

11:15 - 12:00 PM

Day of Action activities continue:

- Spoken Word performance
- Facebook & Twitter Photo Action
- Gallery Walk
- Open Mic featuring youth testimony, Mujeres Unidas y Activas, and community allies
- Healing Song performance by youth

PRESS CONFERENCE SPEAKERS LIST
Wednesday, July 29, 2015 | 10:30am

Location: San Francisco City Hall, 1 Dr Carlton B Goodlett Pl, San Francisco, CA

SPEAKER 1:

Hyejin Shim

Organizer and Domestic Violence Advocate
Stand With Nan-Hui, Oakland, CA

SPEAKER 2:

Saira Hussain

Staff Attorney, Criminal Justice Reform Program
Asian Law Caucus, San Francisco, CA

SPEAKER 3:

Matthew Dirkes

Nan-Hui Jo's Defense Attorney, San Francisco, CA

SPEAKER 4:

Orchid Pusey

Associate Director
Asian Women's Shelter, San Francisco, CA

SPEAKER 5:

Zachary Nightingale

Nan-Hui Jo's Immigration Attorney
Van Der Hout, Brigagliano & Nightingale, LLP, San Francisco, CA

SPEAKER 6:

Nan-Hui Jo

EMCEES:

Emily Lee

Political Director
Chinese Progressive Association, San Francisco, CA

Beatrice Sanchez

Core Leader
ASPIRE, San Francisco, CA



PRESS RELEASE

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Nan-Hui Jo Released from Immigration Detention, Community Rallies to Reunite Mother and Child *Supporters Mark One-Year Anniversary of Separation and Incarceration*

SAN FRANCISCO—Nan-Hui Jo—an undocumented survivor of domestic abuse—made her first public appearance since her July 17 release from immigration detention on Wednesday, alongside organizers from Stand With Nan-Hui, attorneys from her legal team, and domestic violence and immigrant rights organizations. Supporters gathered at City Hall in San Francisco to celebrate Nan-Hui's release from immigration detention, but also to mark the one-year anniversary of her unjust incarceration and tragic separation from her 6-year-old daughter.

Nan-Hui read from a written statement about her recent release from ICE detention, saying, "When you're inside, it can be very difficult to remember how to stay positive. Still, I knew that I could never give up on reuniting with my daughter, and that I would do anything to see her again. I will always do everything in my power to love, protect, and take care of her . . . I also learned a lot this past year about how many other women are like me, or in much worse situations than me. I hope that in the future, I can continue to learn more to help women who have experienced domestic violence and face similar challenges as me."

Hyejin Shim, a domestic violence advocate and organizer of Stand With Nan-Hui, said, "Nan-Hui is one step closer to reuniting with her daughter—this would never have been possible without the overwhelming support she received from thousands nationwide. We see this as an important step towards building a larger movement to support women and survivors who have been criminalized for self-defense. It is important that we move forward with a critical understanding of how our criminal and immigration systems worsen the already devastating impacts of domestic violence."

Saira Hussain, Staff Attorney with the Asian Law Caucus, stated, "At a time when Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) is characterizing its new Priority Enforcement Program as a more humane approach to immigration enforcement, Nan-Hui's case demonstrates how inhumane the system really is. ICE was days away from separating a mother from her child, just as it has torn apart hundreds of thousands of families across the country. As anti-immigrant sentiment in this country reaches a fevered pitch, we must keep cases like Nan-Hui's in mind to push back against the growing criminalization of our immigrant communities, including survivors of domestic violence."

As part of the one-year anniversary, high school youth leaders from the Chinese Progressive Association also demonstrated their support for Nan-Hui by creating a gallery walk featuring her story and those of other domestic violence survivors, performing spoken word poems, and sending tweets and making phone calls to Attorney General Kamala Harris. Harris currently has the power to urge the California Supreme Court to take up review of Nan-Hui's conviction, which, if overturned, would significantly aid her legal proceedings.

Kellan Tran, a 17-year-old senior at Lowell High School, said she helped organize today's Day of Action for Nan-Hui Jo because, "As a woman of color and daughter from an immigrant family, I can relate to Nan-Hui because women of color not only have to deal with gender-based violence on a daily basis, but also are wrongfully convicted just for trying to survive and protect their children. Nan-Hui was only doing what she believed to be best for her child—this is an act of self-preservation, not self-indulgence, and the system has punished her for that."

Background: Nearly one year after being arrested on child abduction charges and forcibly separated from her daughter, Nan-Hui Jo—an undocumented survivor of domestic abuse—was released on bond from immigration detention on Friday, July 17.

Nan-Hui was arrested, jailed, and separated from her daughter immediately upon entering the U.S. on July 29, 2014—exactly one year ago. Five years prior, in 2009, Nan-Hui fled to South Korea with her infant daughter to escape an abusive relationship and comply with the government's demand that she leave the country due to her lapsed immigration status. While awaiting trial on child abduction charges, she was jailed at Monroe Detention Facility in Yolo County, CA for over 9 months. Her first trial, in December 2014, ended in a hung jury. Ignoring all evidence of domestic abuse that Nan-Hui suffered, the Yolo County District Attorney retried the case, culminating in Nan-Hui's conviction.

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Nan-Hui Jo, Organizers, Attorneys, and Community Organizations Hold Press Conference to Discuss Her Release; Mark One Year Anniversary of Her Incarceration

WHAT: Nan-Hui Jo, organizers with Stand With Nan-Hui, attorneys from her legal team, and domestic violence and immigrant rights organizations will gather at City Hall in San Francisco, CA to discuss Nan-Hui's release from immigration detention and mark the one year anniversary of her incarceration. Supporters will also host a Day of Action immediately following the press conference.

WHEN: Wednesday, July 29, 2015, 10 am - 12 pm
10:00 am: Day of Action kick-off at Civic Center Plaza
10:30 am: Press Conference at City Hall
11:15 am: Day of Action at Civic Center Plaza

WHERE: San Francisco City Hall, 1 Dr Carlton B Goodlett Pl., San Francisco, CA 94102

PHOTO OPP & VISUALS:

1. Community members wearing purple ribbons for domestic violence awareness and holding colorful signs.
2. Gallery walk featuring visuals of cases of immigrant mothers and domestic violence survivors who have been unjustly criminalized.
3. Traditional Korean drummers opening up the press conference and Day of Action.
4. Speakers at press conference include Nan-Hui Jo, attorneys from Nan-Hui's legal team, organizers with Stand With Nan-Hui, Asian Law Caucus, and Asian Women's Shelter. Speakers at Day of Action include Chinese Progressive Association, Asian Students Promoting Immigrant Rights through Education (ASPIRE), and California Coalition for Women Prisoners.

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SELECT MEDIA COVERAGE

NBC News Asian America

Undocumented Single Mom Nan-Hui Jo Released by US Immigration

July 23, 2015

<http://www.nbcnews.com/news/asian-america/undocumented-single-mom-nan-hui-jo-released-us-immigration-n397426>

Single Mom, Nan-Hui Jo, Released from Jail, Detained by ICE

April 30, 2015

<http://www.nbcnews.com/news/asian-america/single-mom-nan-hui-jo-released-jail-detained-ice-n351061>

Community Determined to Reunite Korean Mom With Her Child

March 31, 2015

<http://www.nbcnews.com/news/asian-america/single-moms-sentencing-postponed-supporters-standwithnanhui-n334796>

Despite guilty verdict, Advocates vow to #StandWithNanHui

March 3, 2015

<http://www.nbcnews.com/news/asian-america/despite-guilty-verdict-advocates-vow-standwithnanhui-n316831>

Domestic Violence Groups Rally to #StandWithNanHui

March 2, 2015

<http://www.nbcnews.com/news/asian-america/domestic-violence-groups-rally-standwithnanhui-n315641>

Melissa Harris-Perry (MSNBC)

Mother detained after international custody battle

June 28, 2015

<http://www.msnbc.com/melissa-harris-perry/watch/mother-detained-after-intl-custody-battle-474549827732>

Jezebel

The People vs. Nan-Hui Jo: Domestic Violence Victim Becomes Criminal

June 11, 2015

<http://jezebel.com/the-people-vs-nan-hui-jo-domestic-violence-victim-bec-1710628347>

The Guardian

After fleeing abuse, an immigrant mother faces losing her daughter forever

June 6, 2015

<http://www.theguardian.com/global/2015/jun/06/immigration-child-deportation-domestic-violence>

Al Jazeera America

Single Mother Awaiting Deportation

May 13, 2015

<http://www.theguardian.com/global/2015/jun/06/immigration-child-deportation-domestic-violence>

RH Reality Check

Nan-Hui Jo's Case Shows How the System Fails Immigrant Abuse Survivors

May 4, 2015

<http://rhrealitycheck.org/article/2015/05/04/nan-hui-jos-case-shows-system-fails-immigrant-abuse-survivors/>

Davis Vanguard

Supporters of Nan-Hui Jo Speak Out on Sentencing, Discuss Next Steps

April 29, 2015

<http://www.davisvanguard.org/2015/04/supporters-of-nan-hui-jo-speak-out-on-sentencing-discuss-next-steps/>

Commentary: Trial Judge in Jo Case Made Serious Error on Definition of Malice, Tainting the Jury Trial

April 23, 2015

<http://www.davisvanguard.org/2015/04/commentary-trial-judge-in-jo-case-made-serious-error-on-definition-of-malice-tainting-the-jury-trial/>

KTVU FOX 2

Group marches to protest deportation of Korean woman

March 5, 2015

<http://wn.ktvu.com/clip/11202879/san-francisco-group-marches-to-protest-deportation-of-korean-woman>

Al Jazeera Plus

Supporters #StandWithNanHui, mother facing deportation for fleeing alleged abuser with their child

March 4, 2015

<http://stream.aljazeera.com/story/201503042245-0024604>

Think Progress

Domestic Violence Survivor Found Guilty Of Child Abduction For Fleeing With Daughter, May Be Deported

March 3, 2015

<http://thinkprogress.org/immigration/2015/03/03/3629106/nan-hui-jo-abduction/>

NBC7 San Diego

California Asian Undocumented Mother Faces Deportation

February 25, 2015

<http://www.nbcsandiego.com/news/local/California-Asian-Undocumented-Mother-Faces-Deportation-294117731.html>