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## **"A Dream In Doubt"**

**January 17, 2009 2:00 pm**

**Irvine Ranch Water District  
15600 Sand Canyon Ave., Irvine**



This film goes to the heart of hate crimes against a religious group. This film will be especially interesting for those who attend our Hate Crimes Panel in July.

Four days after the 9/11 attacks, Balbir Singh Sodhi was gunned down at his Phoenix gas station. The man who murdered him saw his beard and turban – both required by the Sikh faith – and decided that Sodhi was “just like” those responsible for the Twin Towers. This murderer went on to shoot at a Lebanese American man

and fired multiple rounds of ammunition outside an Afghan American family’s home.

The film follows Rana Singh Sodhi, Balbir’s brother, as he attempts to fight the hate threatening his family and community. The family had fled ethnic violence in India only to encounter it here. And less than a year after Balbir’s murder, Sukhpal Sodhi, Rana’s next-eldest brother, is killed while driving a cab in San Francisco. Nine months later, Rana’s friend Avtar Chiera is shot by three men who yell, “Go back to where you came from!” Three weeks after Avtar’s shooting, another friend, Inderjit Singh, is physically assaulted and threatened with death while working at a convenience store.

While the attackers in these crimes view themselves as proud defenders of America, Rana insists that their actions contradict the core values of his adopted homeland. This film challenges us all to think about our values, individual responsibility in the face of bigotry, and patriotism.

Please join us for the film and for a discussion on the perils that continue to be faced by the Sikh community, and by other religious groups, based on a frightening xenophobia all around us.

**Admission is free and snacks will be provided.**

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