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THE SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY HOSTS A PRESENTATION ON *ISLAMOPHOBIA*

American Islamic Issues Discussed from a Post-September 11 Perspective

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego Public Library will host a presentation on *Islamophobia: Its Components, Root Causes, and Remedies* on Saturday, July 11 at 2:00 pm in the 3rd floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego. This free event is open to the public.

In the minds of many Americans, Islam is synonymous with Middle East, Muslim men with violence, and Muslim women with oppression. In the post-September 11 world, a clash of civilizations appears to be increasingly manifest and the war on terror seems a struggle against Islam. These are all symptoms of Islamophobia. Edgar Hopida, the local director of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR-San Diego), will give a PowerPoint lecture entitled “Islamophobia: Its Components, Root Causes, and Remedies.”

Edgar D. Hopida is an American-born Filipino who converted to Islam in 1998. Mr. Hopida has appeared on local and national media programs such as KFMB/CBS, KGTV/ABC, XETV/Fox, KUSI, KOCT, CNN, Roger Hedgecock Show, Rick Amatto Show, and Cox Channel 4. He has been interviewed and regularly written for a number of local newspapers such as the San Diego Union Tribune, North County Times, San Diego Daily Transcript, Street Light, La Prensa, and various newswire services on American Islamic issues. Through CAIR's work of outreach and education, Mr. Hopida maintains close contact with public officials, law enforcement agencies, and interfaith organizations to ensure a better understanding and treatment of Muslims.

Learn about other events at the San Diego Public Library's Central Library and 35 branches, find links to numerous additional resources, or search for materials in the Library's catalog online at www.sandiegolibrary.org.

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