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PUNJABI MARKET

*OUR SHARED STORIES
AND IMAGININGS*

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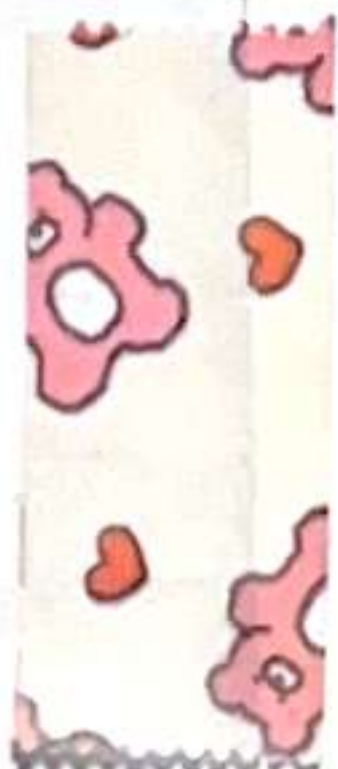




Land Acknowledgement from the Editors

Our names are Desiree Gabriel and Amrit Sanghera and we were both born and raised on the unceded and never surrendered traditional territories of the Coast Salish peoples, including x^wmaθk^wəyəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), selilwatał (Tseil-Waututh), qíçay (Katzie), q^wa:n̓ən̓ (Kwantlen), and se'mya'me (Semiahmoo) First Nations in so called Richmond and Surrey. Both of us are humbled and grateful to build our knowledge on decolonization from the support of mentors, teachers, peers, community, and kin. Decolonization in our cultures (Pilipinx and Punjabi, Indian) looks different, of course, but for us this experience has been entangled with and uplifted by decolonization movements on these lands.

As we speak on the gentrification and displacement of Punjabi Market, we recognize that they do not occur in isolation. Rather, they are tools and symptoms of the larger violent system of settler colonialism. Punjab Market is located on the unceded and traditional lands of the x^wmaθk^wəyəm (Musqueam) peoples. As we strive to build change for Punjabi Market and the diverse community members who have relation to it, as uninvited guests on Turtle island, we will need to continue to understand how to actively engage with decolonization, build solidarity, and not add further harm, even in our efforts towards preservation and protecting our cultural spaces.





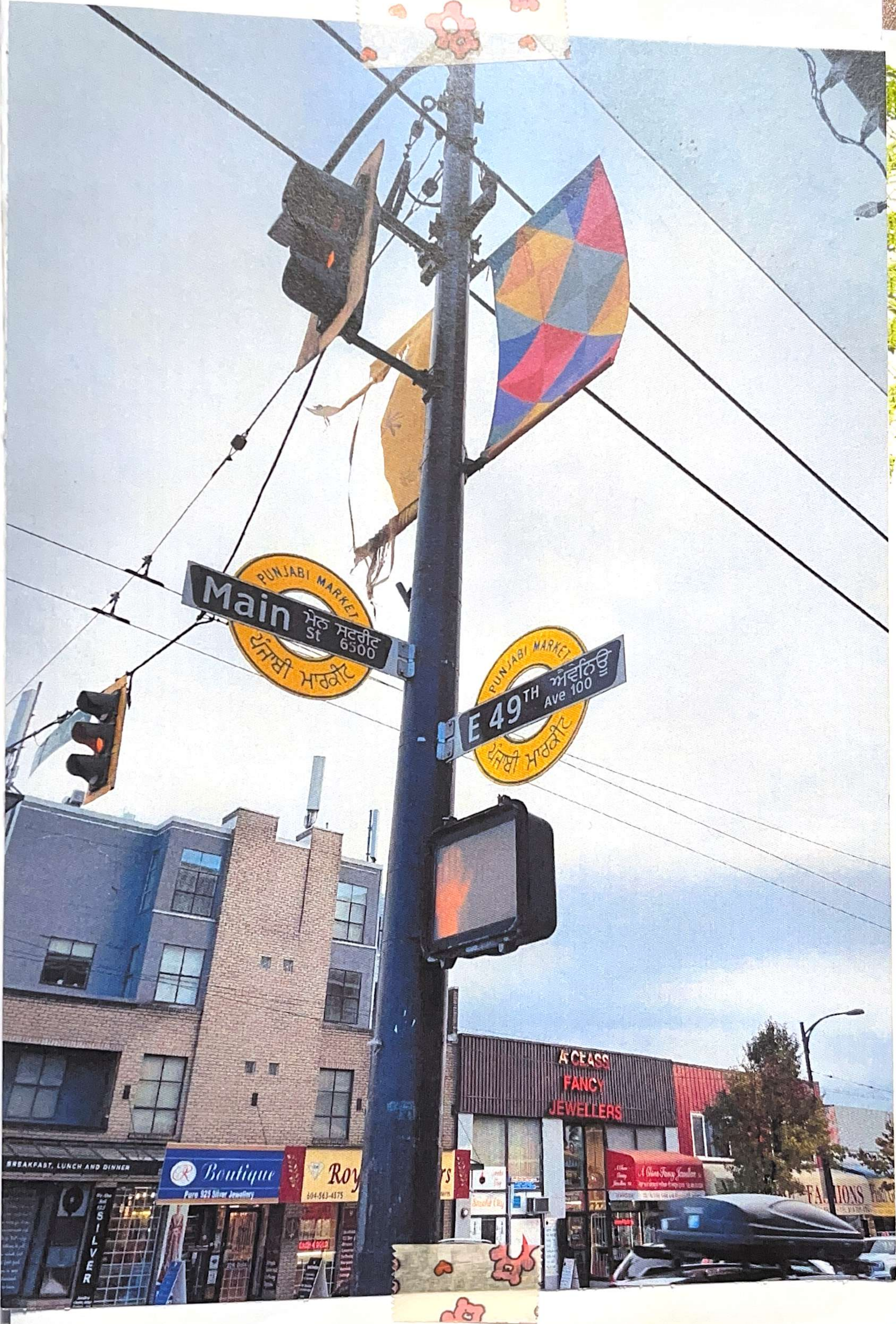
PLACEMAKING IN
PUNJABI MARKET

Condensed History of South Asians in Vancouver

- 1890's: First immigrants from South Asia arrive in so-called Canada, settling in Kitsilano, Coquitlam, and New West
- 1900's: 2nd St Gurdwara opens in Kitsilano Neighbourhood
- 1960's: First significant wave of immigration
- 1970's: 2nd St Gurdwara closes; first store opens in what is now Punjabi Market; first time Vaisakhi festival is celebrated in Metro Vancouver
- 1990's: First street sign in Punjabi outside of Asia placed in Punjabi Market







PUNJABI MARKET
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St 6500
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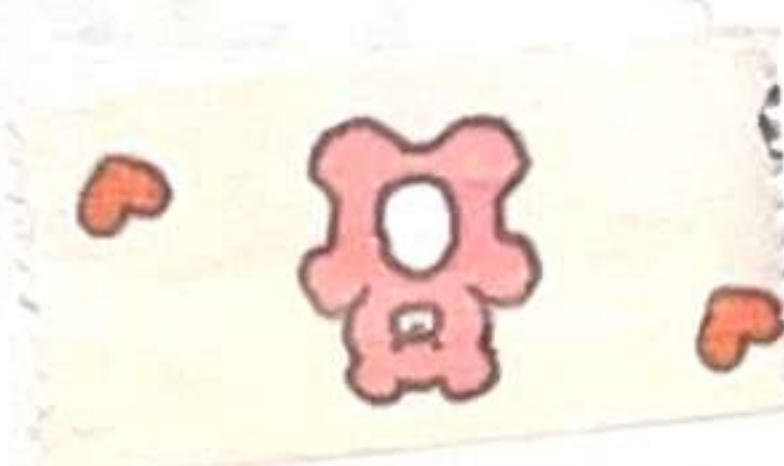
FASHIONS

I doing my business my whole life, this is the place I feed my family, my children have grown, they're educated and married, I have grandchildren. This is the place I... get money and feed my family, and not for me but everybody... that do business here... We... in Punjabi Market... Business people... **we work as a family... we help each other... that's all part of Punjabi Market... We share**"





INTERVIEWS



Business owners: Punjab Food Center,
Mona Cloth House, and Bangla Bazaar
Community Group: Punjabi Market Collective



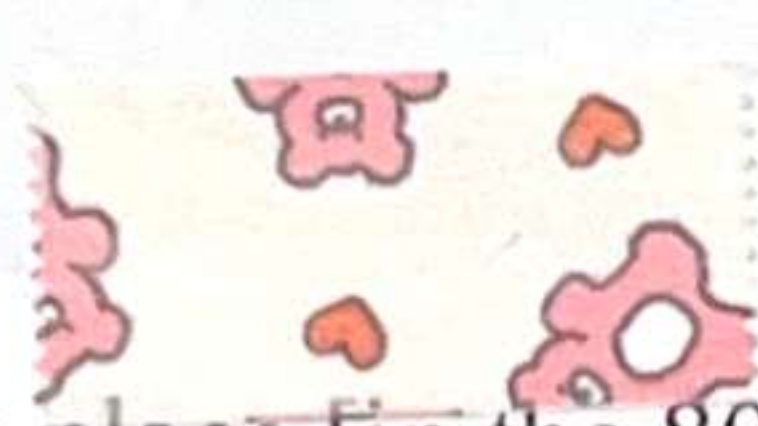
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HARINDER TOOR


OF PUNJAB FOOD CENTRE



“This is the place [in the 80s]... if you live in Nanaimo, Prince Rupert, Williams Lakes... wherever... this is the place they [came] to do shopping, grocery, jewelry, restaurant, anything they want to do.”



“Those days... **Punjabi Market** is like if I went **back to India**... people was walking... We have slowed down in between, because **people moved to Surrey**... we're still busy [enough]”



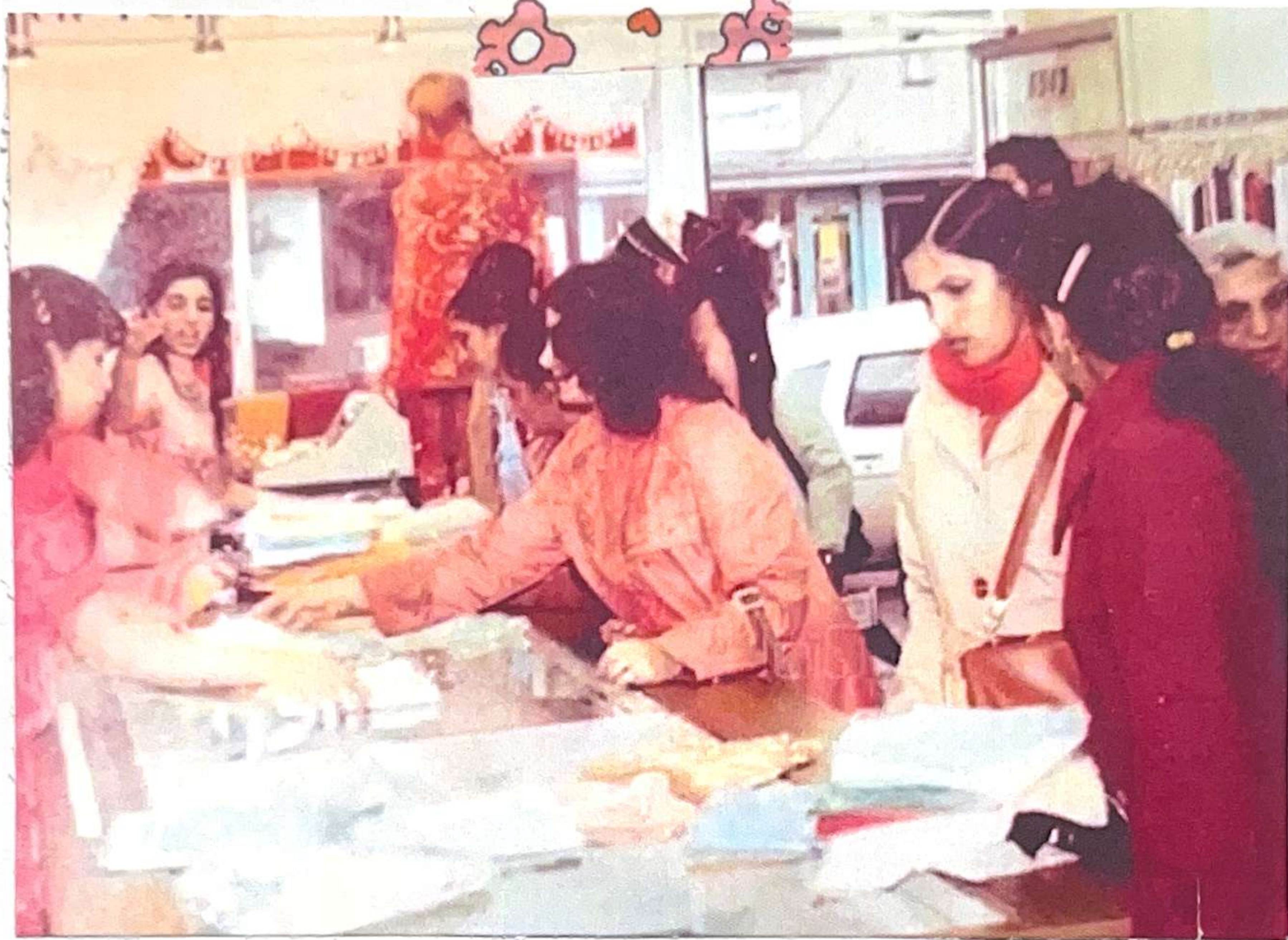
“We have international customers - this neighbourhood is multicultural.... Not only Punjabi customers, we have other customers... which is very good they're helping us” “we have American, we have South Indian... we also have variety for them, different food.... We have all of them, Pakistan, Bangladesh...”



MONA CLOTH HOUSE

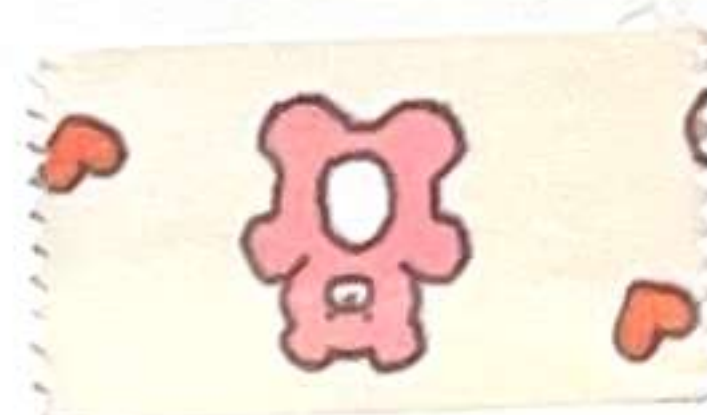
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PUNJABI MARKET COLLECTIVE






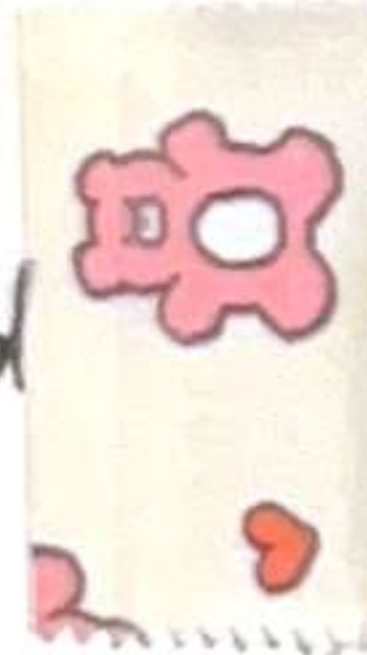
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