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**Council on American-Islamic  
Relations**

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Dear San Francisco Bay Area office of the Council on American-Islamic Relations,

On this 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the San Francisco Bay Area office of the Council on American-Islamic Relations, I write this letter in strong support of your organization's work in our communities. CAIR-SFBA has made significant contributions in the areas of civic and community engagement, youth empowerment, legislative advocacy, and legal casework defending the First Amendment rights of all Americans.

The following is a brief sample of some CAIR-SFBA's praiseworthy contributions that positively impacts our diverse Contra Costa County communities:

- Advocated for Sanctuary City Contracting ordinances in Richmond and other cities to prevent the cities from contracting with data broker companies that share personal information with Immigrations and Customs Enforcement or participate in the Trump Administration's "extreme vetting" program.
- Advocated for Surveillance Technology Oversight ordinances passed in San Francisco, Berkeley, Oakland, Palo Alto, Santa Clara County and BART that will significantly protect the right to privacy and safeguard civil liberties while still ensuring public safety.
- CAIR SFBA has held multiple Bystander Intervention Training Seminars this year, training hundreds of people to protect those threatened by hate and violence.
- CAIR-CA held its 15th Annual Muslim Youth Leadership Program (MYLP) at the State Capitol in Sacramento. The annual conference brought together more than 40 Muslim high school students from across the state.

The work of CAIR-SFBA significantly enhances the understanding of Islam, empowers American Muslims, and promotes justice for all. Our communities benefit when we embrace our rich diversity, and the work of CAIR-SFBA has continued to play a vital role in strengthening our democracy and advancing justice and understanding. May your next 25 years be as positive and courageous as the last.

Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Gioia".

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