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Council on American-Islamic Relations  
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Dear Friends:

It is my great pleasure to welcome everyone on this festive occasion of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala of the Council on American-Islamic Relations - SFBA. The Gala is a terrific opportunity to connect with colleagues and friends while honoring CAIR's many accomplishments.

Among its significant achievements, CAIR's work in the legal arena has been of particular interest to me and has been of great service to my constituents. I am the granddaughter of refugees who survived the Holocaust and made their way to this country. My family's experience in immigrating inspired me to hurry to San Francisco Airport to coordinate the legal services effort to help refugees and immigrants impacted by the Trump Administration's travel ban. I applaud CAIR for recently expanding its legal services to provide low-cost or pro bono legal help for immigration cases relating to citizenship applications and asylum, among other matters. CAIR-CA's legal team handled 2,191 incidents this past year, including a huge increase in immigration matters being reported to CAIR's Immigrant Rights program. As the need for these services has risen, CAIR has stepped up to meet that increased need.

I also regard CAIR's work on hundreds of cases annually that seek to defend the First Amendment rights of all Americans as a critical ongoing effort. I applaud CAIR's continuing legal work to combat hate incidents and hate crimes. CAIR's many workshops promoting youth empowerment and social justice help ensure that our community continues to be constructively engaged in debate and advocacy relating to these important issues. CAIR's service to the community has been invaluable.

On behalf of District 16, I am pleased to recognize all of those associated with this gala event for contributing so much to our community. I wish you all a wonderful evening.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rebecca Bauer-Kahan", written over a horizontal line.

**Rebecca Bauer-Kahan**  
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