



Commendation

In Recognition of
*San Francisco Bay Area office of the Council
on American-Islamic Relations*

~ November 9, 2019 ~

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate the Council on American-Islamic Relations for another year of exemplary service. As you host your 25th annual banquet, I applaud the Council for their continued efforts to unite activists, community leaders and scholars in defense of our civil liberties. Across the nation and in the Third Congressional District of California, the Council's work is making great strides toward creating a more perfect Union.

Inclusive dialogue is critical to the work of upholding our democratic ideals, so it is gratifying to see the constituents I represent working actively on this mission. As a firm believer in civil rights, I salute the Council for empowering American Muslims to participate locally and nationally in political and social activism. By protecting and defending the constitutional rights of American Muslims, you support the rights of all Americans. It is my greatest hope that the Council on American-Islamic Relations continues to prosper and grow in the years ahead.

The Council on American-Islamic Relations' 25th Anniversary Gala is sure to be a wonderful celebration of the diversity of ideas throughout our Nation. On behalf of the Third Congressional District of California, please accept my gratitude for the good you have done, and continue to do, in our community and my best wishes for continued success in all your future endeavors.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in blue ink, which reads "John Garamendi". The signature is written over a horizontal line.

JOHN GARAMENDI

Member of Congress

3rd District, California