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**In Appreciation of the San Francisco Bay Area Office of the  
Council on American Islamic Relations on its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala**

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To Our Brothers and Sisters at the SFBA offices of CAIR,

The City of Oakland's District 2 Office is proud to honor our partner in the fight for social justice here in Oakland and all around the Bay Area, where vulnerable individuals and communities are under attack.

Our city has benefitted from the invaluable legal assistance your organization has provided to immigrants, refugees, and American Muslims who have suffered from employment discrimination, school bullying, and threats against their First Amendment rights and immigration status. CAIR has provided training seminars on *Bystander Intervention* so that neighbors can learn ways to work with and protect neighbors from individual or government persecution while offering informational trainings on employment rights and student rights in addition to other issues of community safety.

CAIR has worked with other civil rights groups on a host of legislative reforms, including the passage of AB 392, reforming the police use of force, and AB 331, to include Ethnic Studies in high school graduation requirements. Each of these state legislative forms were long overdue and incredible victories. Locally, CAIR has worked with social justice organizations to pass groundbreaking ordinances restricting the use of invasive surveillance technology.

We celebrate all the important work you do, and we honor your deep cultural connections and the multifaceted, vibrant, proud Muslim community the Bay Area.

Sincerely,

Nikki Fortunato Bas  
Councilmember, District 2  
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