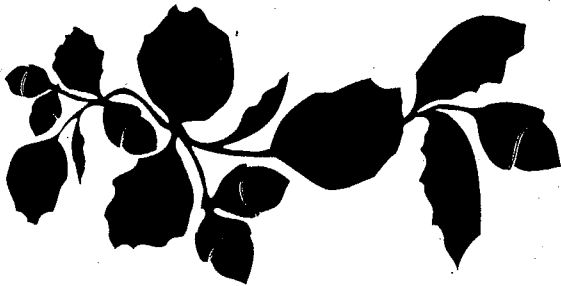




CITY OF OAKLAND

City Council Proclamation



IN RECOGNITION OF THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA OFFICE OF THE COUNCIL ON AMERICAN-ISLAMIC RELATIONS

WHEREAS THE COUNCIL ON AMERICAN-ISLAMIC RELATIONS partnered with an unprecedented number of local governments to introduce proclamations in recognition of Muslim Appreciation and Awareness Month to highlight the achievements and contributions of the local American Muslim community. The California State Legislature designated August as Muslim Appreciation and Awareness Month for a fourth year through HR 48 with Assemblymembers Quirk, Kalra, and Chu as lead authors and 68 coauthors, and;

WHEREAS THE COUNCIL ON AMERICAN-ISLAMIC RELATIONS advocated for the 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, and;

WHEREAS THE COUNCIL ON AMERICAN-ISLAMIC RELATIONS advocated for the first Facial Recognition Ban in the country passed in San Francisco and followed by Oakland, and;

WHEREAS THE COUNCIL ON AMERICAN-ISLAMIC RELATIONS advocated for Sanctuary City Contracting ordinances in Richmond, Oakland, and Berkeley that will prevent the city 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, and;

WHEREAS THE COUNCIL ON AMERICAN-ISLAMIC RELATIONS created Muslim Day on the Capitol (MDAC), bringing over 650 Muslims to advocate on legislation, including ACA 6, Free the Vote Act; AB 392, Use of Force bill; and AB 331, High School Graduation Requirements authorizing local educational agencies to require a full-year course in ethnic studies at their discretion, and;

WHEREAS THE COUNCIL ON AMERICAN-ISLAMIC RELATIONS developed Bystander Intervention Training Seminars training hundreds of people in the role bystanders can play in protecting targets of hate crimes since the election, and;

WHEREAS THE COUNCIL ON AMERICAN-ISLAMIC RELATIONS created the Muslim Game Changers Network (MGN), a 3-month social justice training program for Muslim high school students that equips participants with the tools to critically understand their world, effectively challenge injustice, and build legacies of positive change in their communities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in recognition of their outstanding achievements and accomplishments and in appreciation for the tremendous contributions in enhancing the understanding of Islam, empowering American Muslims, and promoting justice, the City of Oakland officially commemorates the legacy of *THE COUNCIL ON AMERICAN-ISLAMIC RELATIONS*, on this 9th day of November, 2019.



Hon. Lynette Gibson McElhaney
Councilmember District 3

