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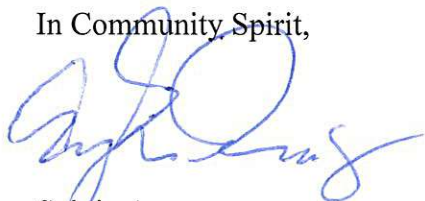
Dear CAIR California San Francisco Bay Area,

As a San Jose City Councilmember, I rely on community partners like the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) to help protect and advance the civil liberties of the residents I serve every day at City Hall. In my office, we know that improving the quality of life for our families means working with organizations like CAIR that are on the ground fighting for a more equitable Bay Area and taking on life-changing problems facing our residents – such as workplace discrimination, school bullying, or even immigration matters.

CAIR's dedicated advocacy for American Muslims helps communities like mine, San Jose's District 8 -- home of the Evergreen Islamic Center, remain a diverse and welcoming region where Muslims can practice their faith without fear of retribution. But CAIR's work impacts us all, Muslim and non-Muslim alike. Whether it's individual legal services, youth empowerment, or creating systemic change by advancing social policy, CAIR helps to build a more just and fair Bay Area that we can all enjoy.

I'm proud to support CAIR's work to empower American Muslims and promote justice for our entire community. Congratulations on 25 years of service!

In Community Spirit,



Sylvia Arenas
San Jose City Councilmember, District 8