

COMMITTEES CHAIR: ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY AND TOXIC MATERIALS BUDGET **BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE NO. 4** ON STATE ADMINISTRATION BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS **EDUCATION ELECTIONS**

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Dear Friends,

I would like to take a moment to congratulate and recognize the Council on American-Islamic Relations, San Francisco Bay Area (CAIR-SFBA) for its 29th anniversary.

As the State Assemblymember representing California's 24th Assembly District, I am proud of the rich diversity of our district, and I am grateful for the opportunity to collaborate with CAIR-CA on AB 1503 this year. The legislation reinforces California's commitment to fostering everyone's religious and cultural traditions by providing students a full day excused absence for religious retreats per semester, up from 4 hours, and I take pride in seeing that AB 1503 has been signed by the Governor.

Thank you CAIR-SFBA for your work in supporting American Muslims, whether it be empowering youth through leadership development or providing critical legal services to individuals in need. American Muslims contribute greatly to our communities, and it was my honor to present HR 52 on the Assembly floor this September, a resolution that underscores our appreciation for American Muslims in the state.

Congratulations again, and please do not hesitate to contact my office if I can ever be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Alex Lee Assemblymember, 24th District