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As-Salaam-Alaikum! I am thrilled to congratulate San Francisco Bay Area office of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR-SFBA) in their 29 years of service in advocating for our Muslim community and fighting for justice. In recent elections, Muslims across the nation have made political history by serving in an increased number of elected positions. As the first elected Muslim in the history of San Francisco, I am especially appreciative of the network, support, and sense of belonging that CAIR-SFBA provides for Bay Area Muslim elected officials.

I want to express my gratitude for CAIR-SFBA's unwavering dedication in making the Bay Area a more inclusive and accepting place for all its residents. The Bay Area is one of the largest hubs for the Muslim community. CAIR-SFBA challenges stereotypes, advocates for religious freedom, and provides a voice for over 250,000 Muslims in the Bay Area. CAIR-SFBA's efforts to educate the public, engage in interfaith dialogue, and support individuals who have faced discrimination are essential in creating a more just society.

I am honored to celebrate CAIR-SFBA's work in civic engagement, civil rights advocacy, and outreach. CAIR-SFBA's work promotes justice, equality, and the protection of civil rights, regardless of background. Their unwavering commitment to equity ensures the development of more inclusive policies and legislation. In 2022, CAIR-SFBA was instrumental in supporting a student-led effort in San Francisco Unified School District to observe Eid as a religious holiday.

I look forward to continuing to support the positive impact that CAIR-SFBA continues to make in our community and beyond.

In community,

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Aliya R. Chisti City College of San Francisco, Trustee