

Proclamation

- Whereas,** the Council on American-Islamic Relations, San Francisco Bay Area Office (CAIR-SFBA) is celebrating 28 years of enhancing the understanding of Islam, empowering American Muslims, and promoting justice; and
- Whereas,** in 2021, CAIR-SFBA assisted with 711 intakes related to religious-based discrimination, Islamophobic bias incidents, or immigration needs. They also helped hundreds of new Afghan arrivals, at no cost, obtain work permits, asylum, and permanent residence after fleeing Afghanistan; and
- Whereas,** CAIR-SFBA offers numerous workshops on topics such as civil rights, employment rights, dealing with FBI and law enforcement, students' rights, school bullying, immigration discrimination, travel issues, Islamophobia, and community safety. Last year, after hearing from many Muslims and allies about the role bystanders can play in protecting targets of hate crimes, CAIR-SFBA held 44 [Bystander Intervention](#) Training seminars, training nearly 2,000 people; and
- Whereas,** on CAIR-SFBA's 28th anniversary, the City of Alameda offers its appreciation and gratitude for their decades of advocating on behalf of Muslims and enhancing the understanding of Islam in America; and
- Whereas,** diversity is one of America's greatest strengths, and CAIR has been a tireless champion for civil rights and religious freedom in our country; and
- Whereas,** through its casework, civic engagement, and legislative advocacy, CAIR-SFBA promotes a more tolerant and welcoming community; and
- Whereas,** today we celebrate CAIR-SFBA's achievements and affirm the City of Alameda's commitment to continuing to work with them to assure that the promise of America – that all citizens are equal under the law – is kept.

Now, therefore be it resolved, that I, Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft, Mayor of the City of Alameda, do hereby congratulate and extend our deepest gratitude to CAIR-SFBA for its 28 years of unwavering commitment to public service, justice, and equality.



Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft
Mayor
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