



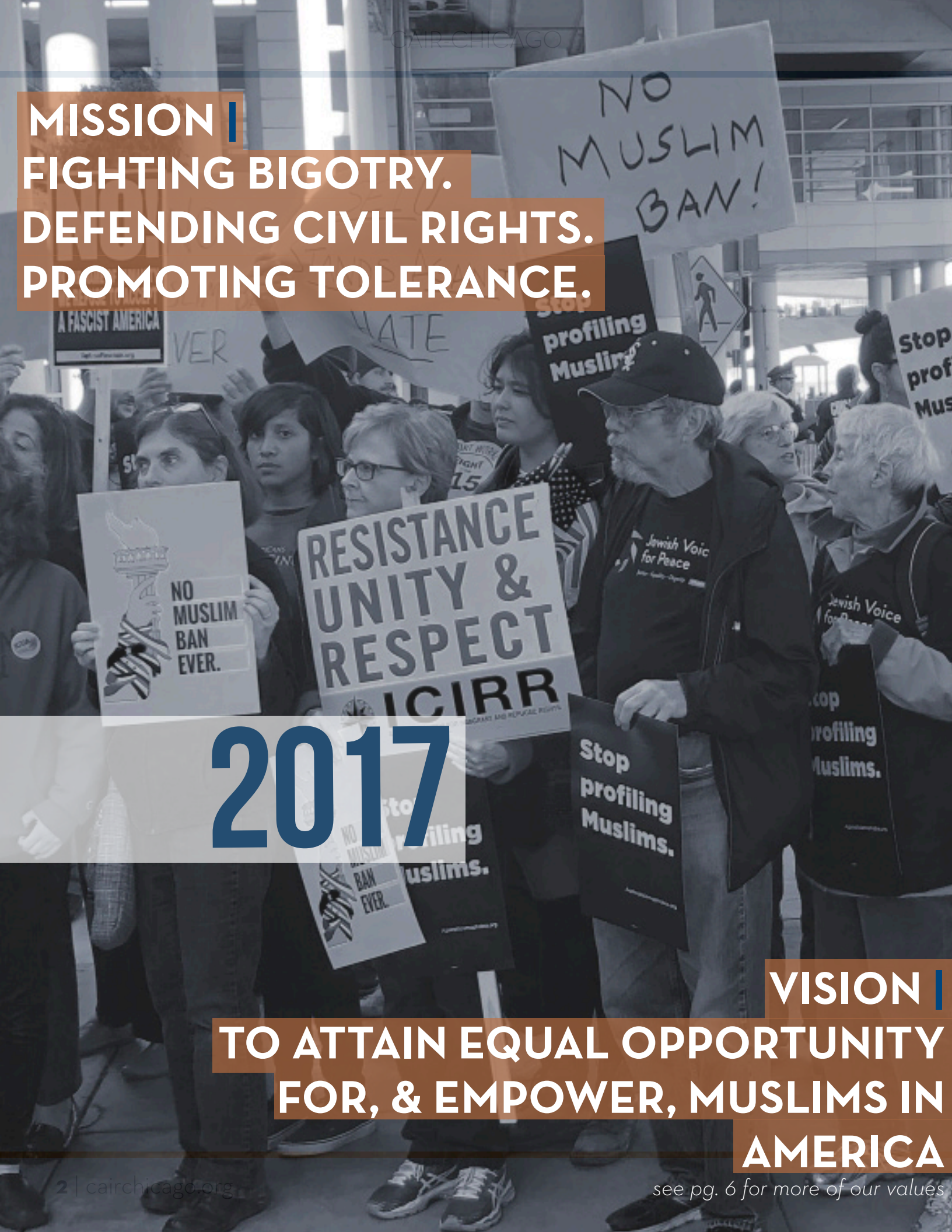
# 2017

## ANNUAL REPORT



**CAIR**  
CHICAGO





**MISSION |**  
**FIGHTING BIGOTRY.**  
**DEFENDING CIVIL RIGHTS.**  
**PROMOTING TOLERANCE.**

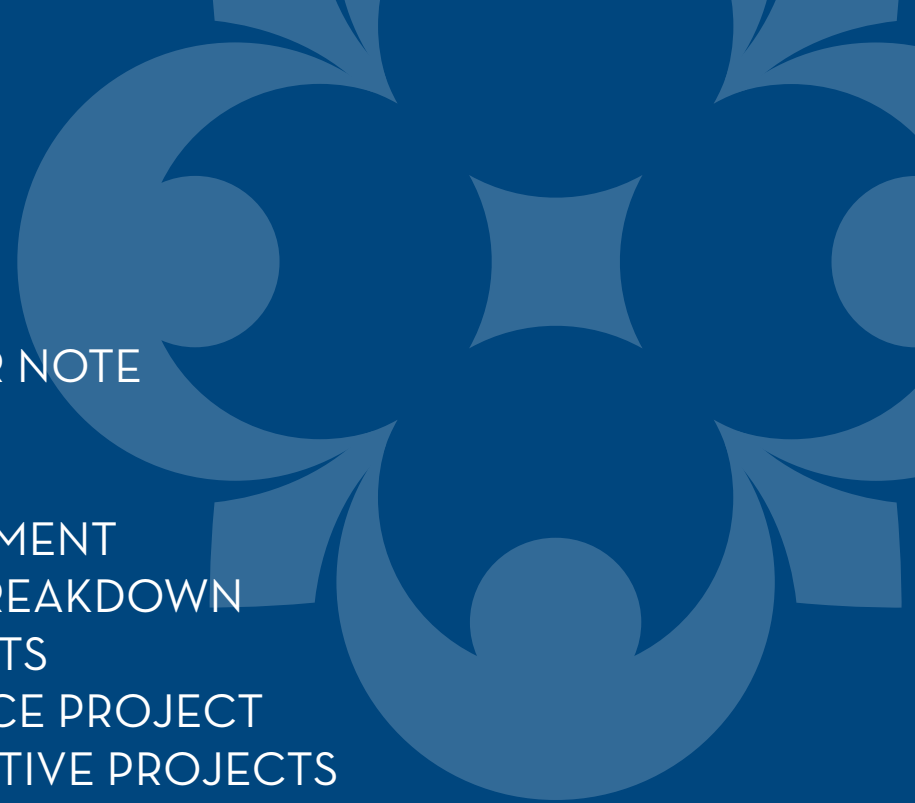
**2017**

**VISION |**  
**TO ATTAIN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY**  
**FOR, & EMPOWER, MUSLIMS IN**  
**AMERICA**

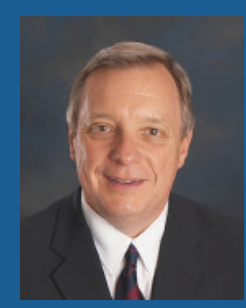
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## TESTIMONIALS



“I believe America is at its best when we embrace our diversity, and I applaud CAIR-Chicago for advocating against hate and discrimination in all of its forms.”

**DICK DURBIN,**  
**U.S. SENATOR, ILLINOIS**



“Now more than ever, we must follow CAIR-Chicago’s example and work together to fight for equal protections and inclusive policies for all people as we aim to achieve a more just

**TAMMY DUCKWORTH**  
**U.S. SENATOR, ILLINOIS**

## A Note From Our **Executive Director**

In fourteen years of service, CAIR-Chicago has handled over **4,800** civil rights cases of anti-Muslim discrimination, negotiated **\$1.45 million** directly to clients in discrimination cases, conducted **1,425** mainstream media interviews receiving over **17,000** mentions, and graduated **710** interns.

With the grace of God, CAIR-Chicago continued to build on its successes over the course of 2017. We remained active as the first line of defense for members of our community when confronted with anti-Muslim bigotry, whether at an individual level subjected to a violation of rights, a mosque level subjected to vandalism, or a community level subjected to false narratives of Islamophobia.

Over 2017, we handled **603** civil rights cases (a **50%** increase from the year before), resolved 286 cases to the benefit of our clients including

citizenship delay and employment discrimination cases (**42%** increase). We continued with our landmark Prison Project advocating for the rights of over **300** Muslim inmates, and our Political Asylum project, serving mostly Syrians escaping certain persecution.

In 2017, our representatives brought a Muslim perspective over **75** times to media networks such as CNN, FOX News, MSNBC, Al Jazeera, ABC CBS, NBC, ABC, WGN and NPR among others; as well as the Chicago Tribune and the Chicago Sun-Times, among other newspapers and websites. In each case, we sought to bring a lucid Muslim perspective on pressing issues putting out the raw facts on the American Muslim community and the values of our democracy. The [chicagomonitor.com](http://chicagomonitor.com) news site supported by CAIR-Chicago has published a total of 683 articles by 181 contributors and 216,000 pageviews since its launch.



Photo: Executive Director Ahmed Rehab speaks at press conference in March as CAIR-Chicago filed lawsuit against United Airlines for discrimination.



**If bigotry and marginalization are systemic, so too must resistance and assertive advocacy be. And that necessitates institutions whose mission is to do so in a strategic, consistent, and strategic way: CAIR-Chicago fills that role for our community with a focus on both the legal courts and the court of public opinion.**

Ahmed Rehab, Executive Director

CAIR-Chicago is taking a leadership position both in terms of defending Muslims, but also within broad alliances of communities standing together in solidarity against scapegoating and vilification. In 2017, we were a founding member of the city's official **One Chicago** initiative, an effort supported by local government and community agencies to push back against the national wave of xenophobic policies and rhetoric.

CAIR-Chicago **TAP's** service (Traveler Assistance Project), the first of its kind one stop service that connects at-risk travelers with attorneys and interpreters through a streamlined front-end system, is the only one still fully operational nationwide, now implemented as an emergency hotline.

Our attorneys continue to groundbreaking work that is recognized for its impact on the city; our TAP Attorneys won the "**Chicagoans of the Year**" award, our Deputy Director was awarded the prestigious Vanguard award by the Chicago Bar Association, and our new legislative attorney who helped write critical bills, resolutions and proclamations was featured as a "**Four-Star Chicagoan**" by ABC.

In 2017, CAIR-Chicago continued its **wide outreach** as a face of the Muslim community. Our staff gave guest lectures, keynote speeches, commencement speeches, and panel discussions at dozens of universities and public schools in Illinois and the Midwest. We also held dozens of workshops at mosques and Islamic schools.

In summary, CAIR-Chicago continues to be our community's only **institutional civil rights defense and advocacy** both in terms of both shaping public opinion and providing free legal representation. Our state-of-the-art center in downtown Chicago continues to serve as the home base of bustling Muslim activism serving this great city and state right at its heart.

Please continue to read through this annual report for a detailed review of our work in the year 2017, and a look at dozens of letters of support from elected officials!

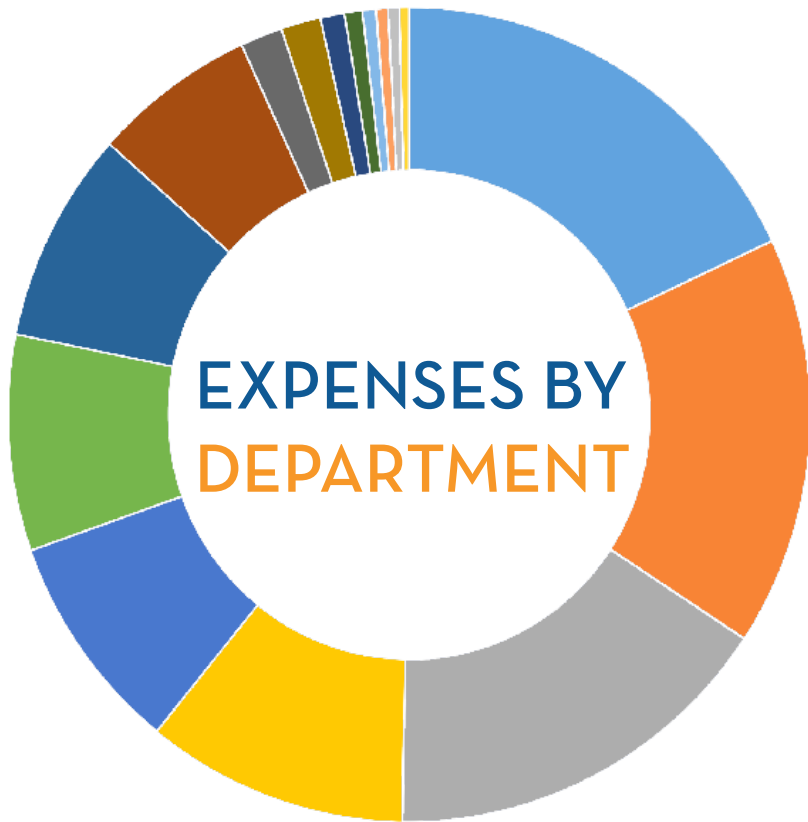
Remember to visit [cairchicago.org](http://cairchicago.org) for our full archives on 14 years of service. We hope that you will continue to support us!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'A. Rehab'.

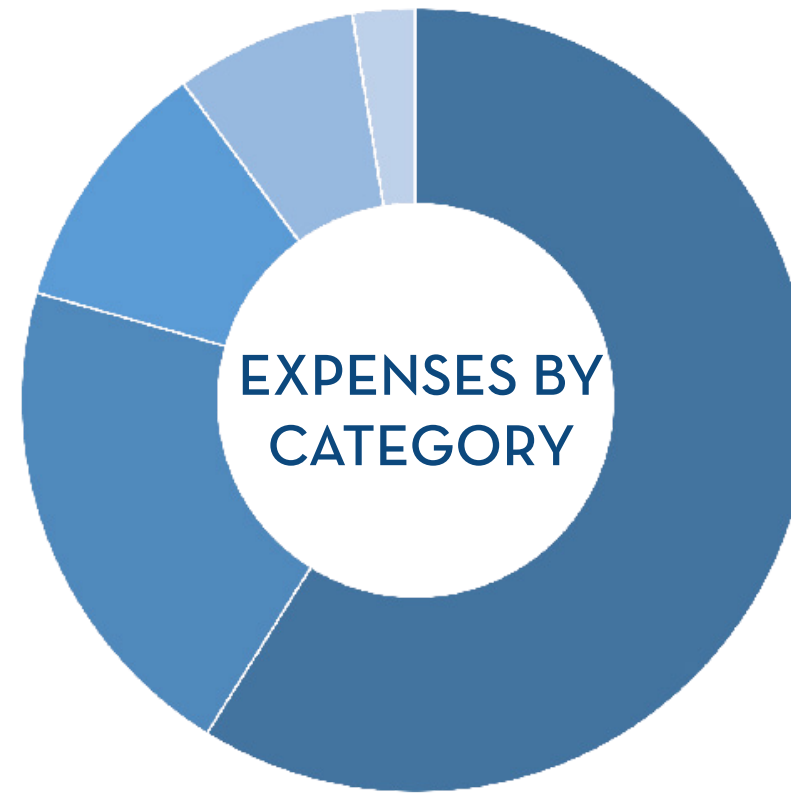
# 2017 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

TOTAL EXPENSES: **\$782,091.64**  
 TOTAL INCOME: **\$1,207,414.58**



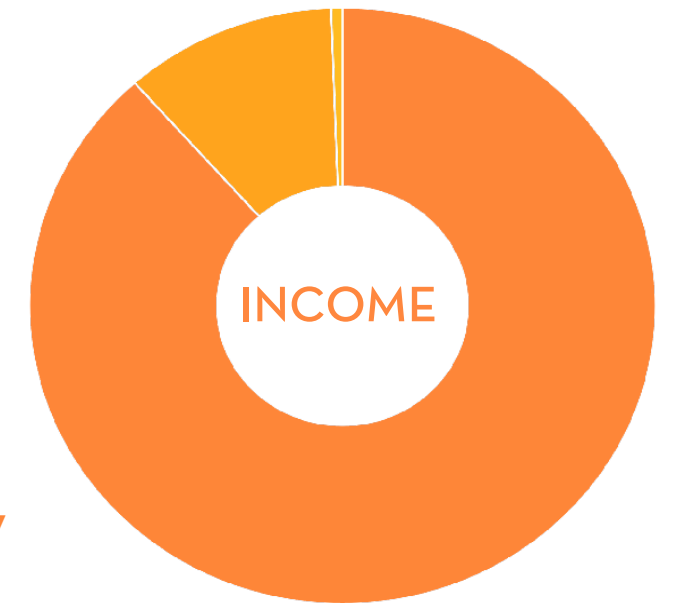
## EXPENSES BY DEPARTMENT

- Civil Rights Expenses | **\$140,632.50**
- Office Lease & Utilities | **\$127,347.44**
- Benefits, Taxes & and Insurance | **\$125,289.50**
- Events & Fundraising | **\$82,430.81**
- Outreach & Youth Development | **\$68,570.23**
- Communications & Media | **\$67,179.33**
- Administrative | **\$65,750.00**
- Research | **\$51,250.00**
- Accounting Fees & Bank Charges | **\$13,423.23**
- Contract Services | **\$12,447.29**
- Marketing & Advertisement | **\$7,728.49**
- Office Supplies & Expenses | **\$5,579.21**
- Travel & Meetings | **\$4,200.49**
- Postage | **\$3,798.91**
- Meals & Entertainment | **\$3,576.21**
- Organizational Support | **\$2,888.00**



## EXPENSES BY CATEGORY

- Salaries, Benefits, and Payroll Taxes | **\$460,432.15**
- Business & Operational Expenses | **\$160,821.70**
- Events & Fundraising | **\$82,430.81**
- Litigation Expenses | **\$58,231.41**
- Contract and Vendor Services | **\$20,175.78**



## INCOME

- Direct Public Support | **\$1,068,002.67**
- Legal Settlements | **\$132,411.91**
- Grants | **\$7,000.00**

# 100% COMMUNITY FUNDED

### CREDIBILITY

Gain the trust and respect of all involved.

### BEING PROACTIVE

Create programs that predict and preemptively challenge potential problems.

### FOCUSED SCOPE

Well-defined problem areas and solutions.

### EFFICIENCY

No redundancies. Putting the right people in the right place at the right time.

### ACCESSIBILITY

Easy to find and reach whether by members of our community or members of the media.

### PROFESSIONALISM

Objective and presentable.

### CONSISTENCY

Our level of motivation and productivity should not waiver with time. The attention given to the various areas of our work should be even.

### OMNIPRESENCE

Our presence and our programs should enjoy high exposure with members of the Muslim community, the general public, the media, and government.

### TRANSPARENCY

What you see is what you get.

### EGALITARIANISM

Treat everyone equally with dignity and respect.

### SINCERITY

What fuels our work is not personal ego or a hidden agenda, but rather a genuine desire to affect positive change.

CAIR-Chicago is a 501(c)3 non-profit, independently registered & fully community and constituency funded.

# CIVIL RIGHTS DEPARTMENT

Our Civil Rights Department handles cases that range from prejudiced gestures to full-blown discrimination. Our clients are Muslims, as well as members from other faith communities who have had Islam imputed upon them. Law Clerks and interns assist in several projects that highlight distinct civil rights issues that range from citizenship delays to securing the rights of Muslims to practice their religion freely in the public sphere, schools, places of employment, prisons, and other institutions.

Not surprisingly, 2017 saw unprecedented increases in the number of travel and immigration complaints fielded by CAIR-Chicago's Civil Rights Department. The numbers, however, really only tell part of the story. Each day Muslims across the country face subtle and blatant incidents of discrimination – in employment, when traveling, when requesting immigration benefits from the government, and even when simply seeking assistance from law enforcement entities. Our clients tell us that often they feel there is no one else for them to turn to when they have been harassed, discriminated against, or treated unfairly due to their race, religion, or national origin. CAIR-Chicago takes the time to listen, to respond, and to advocate on their behalf, regardless of their ability to pay. There are no civil rights cases too small or too large for the department to investigate or handle.

Despite this, under-reporting still remains a key concern, not just for CAIR-Chicago but for all other Muslim advocacy organizations. Unfortunately, there are a number

of cases that simply go unreported, and therefore, there is no way to get a completely accurate picture of the exact nature and extent of the xenophobia faced by the Muslim community today. CAIR-Chicago's Civil Rights Department is fully staffed with experienced personnel that are familiar with the issues faced by Muslims on a daily basis. They are here to help.

As we move into 2018, the Civil Rights Department is spearheading a few noteworthy initiatives: potential litigation involving the No Fly list, legislative efforts to codify humanitarian rights for international travelers, negotiating policy changes affecting Muslim inmates in Illinois, and bringing the first cases under Illinois' newly-revised Hate Crime Law. Please know that our efforts are pointless without your input, so please feel free to contact the department with any issues or questions. If you don't contact CAIR-Chicago, please reach out to someone so that your voice may be heard.

CAIR-Chicago Litigation Director, Phil Robertson



**We must resist fear. Injustices that go unreported are insidious and detrimental to the entire Muslim community, and dilute the civil rights protections guaranteed by the Constitution to all U.S. citizens, regardless of their race, religion, or national origin.**

Phil Robertson, Litigation Director

# A Year of **IMPACT** in

# Civil Rights Department

## JANUARY

CAIR-Chicago files its 16th application for asylum, this time on behalf of a Yemeni man who was beaten and held at gunpoint by Houthi soldiers, and whose family's home was shelled with rockets and gunfire. Of the 16 applications filed by CAIR-Chicago, nine are on behalf of Syrian nationals, two are on behalf of Libyan nationals, and one is on behalf of a Yemeni national. Syria, Libya, and Yemen are three of the seven countries directly affected by President Trump's Muslim travel bans.

## FEBRUARY

CAIR-Chicago settles a case involving a Muslim woman from Indiana who entered a local retailer in Gary, Indiana, and was told that she needed to remove her niqab or leave the store. She explained to the store manager that she is Muslim, but the manager still asked her to leave. CAIR-Chicago worked with the retailer to negotiate an apology and a settlement for the client.

## MARCH

CAIR-Chicago files a Federal lawsuit against United Airlines and SkyWest Airlines on behalf of a Muslim family that was removed from a flight at O'Hare because they are Muslim. The airline permitted them to bring a child safety seat on to the plane, but they were asked to remove it by the flight attendants. After they complied, they were told that they needed to leave the plane and were offered no explanation by the Captain or the crew, who then put them on another United flight to D.C.

## APRIL

CAIR-Chicago settles a Federal lawsuit involving a Muslim woman who worked as a Nuclear Medical Technician at Advocate South Suburban Hospital but was terminated due to her requests for religious accommodations after the Hospital failed to investigate her claims of discrimination and abuse, and instead accused her of fabricating the allegations.

## MAY

CAIR-Chicago obtained a judgment in January on behalf of a Muslim woman who was terminated from her position as a dental assistant because she wore her hijab to work. The case settled in May after the City appealed the Court's denial of the administrative agency's award of punitive damages, and no appeal was filed by the Defendants.

## JUNE

CAIR-Chicago settles a Federal lawsuit filed under RLUIPA against the City of Des Plaines, Illinois, which denied the Society of American Bosnians and Herzegovinians ("SABAH") a zoning map amendment which would have allowed it to remodel a vacant office building in an industrial area and turn it into a mosque and community center in the City. The City denied the request even though the use was consistent with the City's long-term land use plan, and even though the remodeling had already been approved by the City's reviewing committees. The U.S. Department of Justice joined the suit in October 2015 which also resulted in a settlement agreement with the City.

## JULY

CAIR-Chicago receives the final settlement payments on behalf of its client, a Muslim Chicago Police Department Officer who was subjected to an arbitrary residency requirement as a qualification for employment. He was part of a class of nearly 50 officers and applicants who sued the City of Chicago regarding the discriminatory hiring practice. The case was filed in 2016 in cooperation with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

## SEPTEMBER

CAIR-Chicago settles a charge filed with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission on behalf of a Muslim client who was denied employment because she wore a hijab to her job interview. The settlement included not only money damages to the client, but also cultural sensitivity training to the employer and the sponsorship of a child in need in Pakistan.

## NOVEMBER

CAIR-Chicago meets with officials from the Illinois Department of Corrections regarding numerous complaints it has received from inmates at its facilities, including the denial of Jummah prayer, the denial of group prayers, the denial of prayer during Ramadan, the denial of halal food, and the confiscation of religious items from Muslim prisoners. CAIR-Chicago continues to work with IDOC to ensure religious access and observation opportunities for all Muslim inmates housed in its facilities.

## AUGUST

CAIR-Chicago files a 9-count Federal lawsuit on behalf of a Muslim pharmacist who was denied vacation time and other religious accommodations by his employer, Advocate Christ Medical Center. He had been subjected to multiple incidents of harassment and discrimination at work due to his religion and national origin, ultimately resulting in his wrongful termination.

## OCTOBER

CAIR-Chicago settles a charge filed with the Illinois Human Rights Commission on behalf of an elderly, disabled Muslim woman who, along with her son, was forced to wait in the cold for nearly two hours because the transport company refused to take them home due to their religion. The company alleged that there was not enough room in the van for her wheelchair and her groceries, but photos showed this excuse appeared to be just a pretext for discriminatory treatment.

## DECEMBER

CAIR-Chicago files a Federal lawsuit against G4S Secure Solutions, a national security company, which denied a Muslim security guard a requested religious accommodation. He had worked at the company since 2000 without incident, and for the previous five years he was able to leave work at 10:30 a.m. on Fridays to attend Jummah prayer. When a new supervisor was hired, the client was informed that he could no longer work only until 10:30 a.m. on Fridays, and when he formally requested the accommodation, he was terminated by the company.

# 2017 CASE BREAKDOWN

TOTAL INTAKES FOR 2017

TOTAL CASES CLOSED IN 2017

# 603

# 286

**117**  
IMMIGRATION

**97**  
EMPLOYMENT

**15**  
ICE/DHS

**30**  
FBI

**119**  
TRAVEL

**21**  
HATE CRIMES

**20**  
PRISON

**16**  
GOVERNMENT  
AGENCY INTAKES

**8**  
PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION

**5**  
DMV

**12**  
SCHOOL

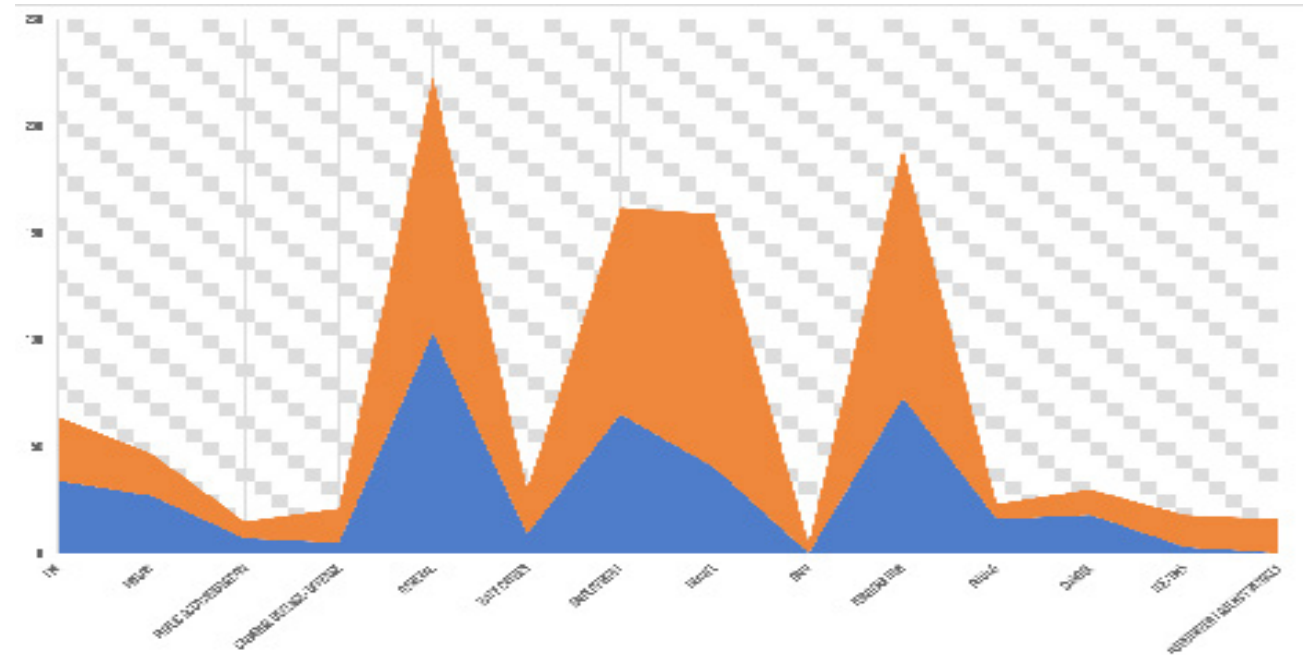
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CRIMINAL DEFENSE

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POLICE

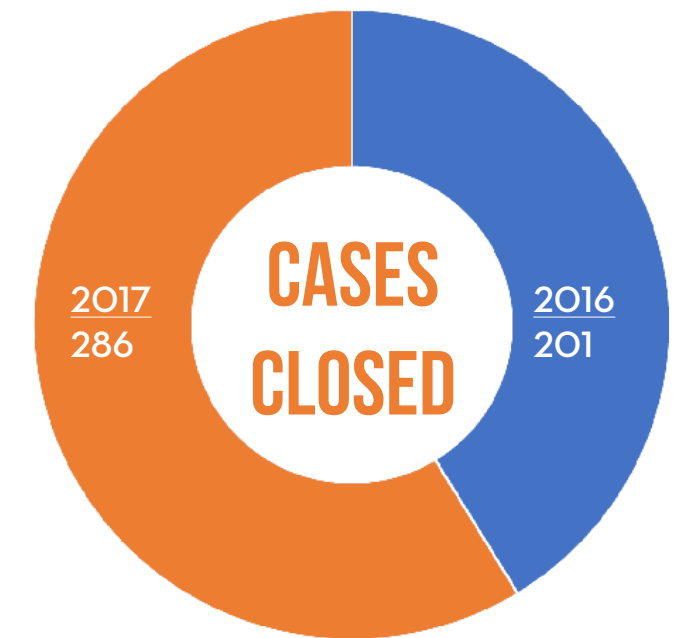
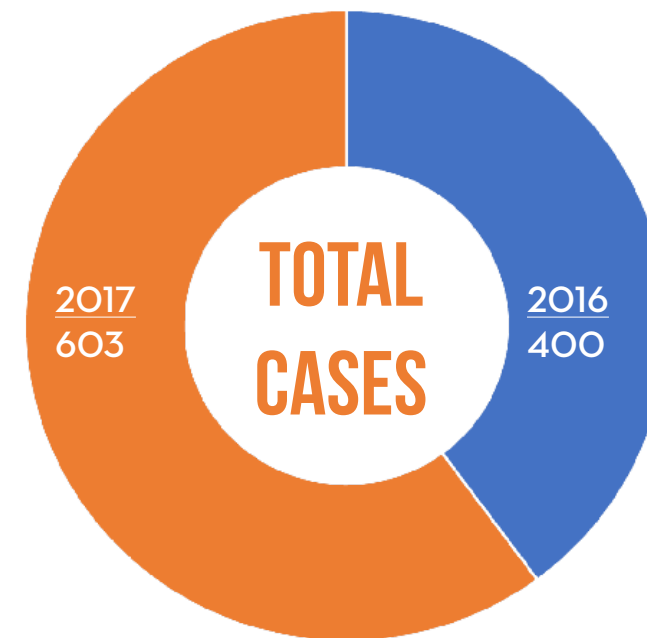
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GENERAL

## TWO-YEAR COMPARISON

Our cases range from racial profiling, harassment and bullying in schools and workplaces, citizenship delays, police misconduct, prisoners' rights, and workplace discrimination. We are committed to upholding equality and combating discrimination of all forms through negotiation, litigation, education and awareness. We also meet regularly with community partners and government agencies & leaders to advocate against hate and discrimination in our workplaces, schools, and communities.



A look at the cases CAIR-Chicago took on last year and this year. There was a significant increase in cases regarding immigration, likely due to the travel bans implemented by the Trump administration.



# CIVIL RIGHTS PROJECTS

## PRISON PROJECT

Over the past four years, CAIR-Chicago's Civil Rights Department has arduously documented case after case of discrimination against Muslims incarcerated in facilities operated by the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC). Racial, ethnic, and religious inequalities in the penal system severely impact Muslims housed in these facilities, the evidence of which lies in the sheer number of incidents reported to our office by Illinois Muslim prisoners. CAIR-Chicago receives reports of obstruction to and discrimination because of their observance of Ramadan, the denial of Halal dietary accommodations, the loss of religious materials, the denial of prayer accommodations, cases of physical and/or mental abuse and harassment, and other examples of religious discrimination. CAIR-Chicago continues to document incidents like these every day.

We believe that Muslim prisoners are entitled to the same First Amendment rights as prisoners of other religions. CAIR-Chicago is tackling these incidents of religious discrimination head-on by compiling and sending these reports to the IDOC, issuing substantial internal policy recommendations, and requesting cultural sensitivity training for all IDOC staff. Our office is dedicated to pursuing justice for incarcerated Muslims, and we are doing so by spearheading an unprecedented project to positively impact the conditions of incarceration for Muslim prisoners across the State.



**We believe that Muslim prisoners are entitled to the same First Amendment rights as prisoners of other religions.**

Zachery Taylor, Civil Rights Fellow

## CITIZENSHIP DELAY PROJECT

In the summer of 2017, CAIR-Chicago started the Citizenship Delay Project. Since the creation of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services in 2002, organizations offering legal services like CAIR-Chicago have noticed a trend toward pre-textual denials, inordinate delays, redundant requests for interviews, and generally stricter scrutiny applied to Muslim applicants. This is in part related to a covert vetting program implemented by USCIS in 2009 called the Controlled Application Review and Resolution Program (CARRP). This process relies on bloated terrorist databases, discriminatory procedures, and social biases against Muslims to invoke arbitrary requirements

for the enhanced vetting of applicants. In an effort to learn more about the impact of these programs, CAIR-Chicago is turning to immigration statistics and program-specific policies. There has yet to be an attempt to analyze discernible data on the impact of extreme vetting programs like CARRP on the Muslim community. By submitting formal requests for immigration data through the Freedom of Information Act, CAIR-Chicago plans to review and analyze this information to determine whether or not the program poses an undue hardship and substantial burden on members of the Muslim community in contrast to applicants from non-Muslim countries of origin.

## HATE CRIMES PROJECT TRAVEL PROJECT

The Department is routinely contacted by community members who have experienced hate crimes as a result of their religion. Fortunately, working in partnership with the Illinois Department of Human Rights and a number of local activists and agencies, CAIR-Chicago was instrumental in 2017 in getting changes enacted to Illinois' Hate Crime law. The revisions allow individuals who have been impacted by hate crimes to bring their own lawsuits against the offenders, regardless of whether or not they were charged criminally or convicted. In addition, the new law permits the imposition of a civil penalty of up to \$25,000.00 for each violation of the Act, as well provides for the payment of compensation for emotional distress, attorney's fees and Court costs, and punitive damages.

Even before the Muslim bans of 2017, a significant portion of the Muslim community was experiencing delays in travel and other travel-related issues, such as detention and prolonged interrogation at border crossings, the seizure of phones and personal computers without authorization, and the summary revocation of visas (unfortunately often resulting in the immediate return or deportation of the traveler). Although the Muslim bans have made it much more difficult to travel from the seven designated countries, clients traveling from all other countries are also finding it hard to navigate the ever-changing landscape of international travel and regressive immigration policies. To that end, CAIR-Chicago is working with its public and private partners to investigate ways to end the travel double-standard that currently exists, including a potential Federal Court challenge to the No Fly list (which lacks transparency and effective due process mechanisms), and legislative efforts to provide a meaningful path for reviewing consumer travel complaints to DHS, DOT, and CBP. (see next page for our TAP project)

## ASYLUM AND IMMIGRATION PROJECT

Since 2014, CAIR-Chicago has been actively involved in applying for asylum for its eligible clients. Due to the violence and repression and continued strife in many Muslim countries, there continues to be an increased number of Muslims seeking asylum in the United States, particularly from Middle Eastern countries. The Civil Rights Department currently has more than a dozen affirmative asylum applications pending before the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. The asylum clients (mostly from Syria and Egypt) include students, physicians, professors, and activists. As part of the Asylum Project, in addition to preparing them for their interview, the Department also helps these clients file

their applications for Temporary Protected Status (TPS) and employment authorization documents (EAD cards). CAIR-Chicago has also assisted a number of immigrants seeking Legal Permanent Residency status (Green Cards) and grants of citizenship whose applications have been delayed in processing or have not been acted upon in a reasonable time. CAIR-Chicago works with the U.S. Immigration Service administratively to determine where the application is in the process and what can be done to remove any remaining obstacles to its approval, and files suit against the government when necessary to obtain relief for clients.





# TRAVELERS ASSISTANCE PROJECT

## FORMATION

On January 27, President Trump signed Executive Order 13769, commonly known as the travel ban – or Muslim ban – and restricted travel from 7 predominately Muslim countries to the United States. Thousands of protesters rushed to the airport; hundreds of attorneys set up shop in Terminal 5 of O’Hare Airport, writing briefs, petitions, and volunteering long hours to provide support, legal guidance and advice to affected travelers and their loved ones.

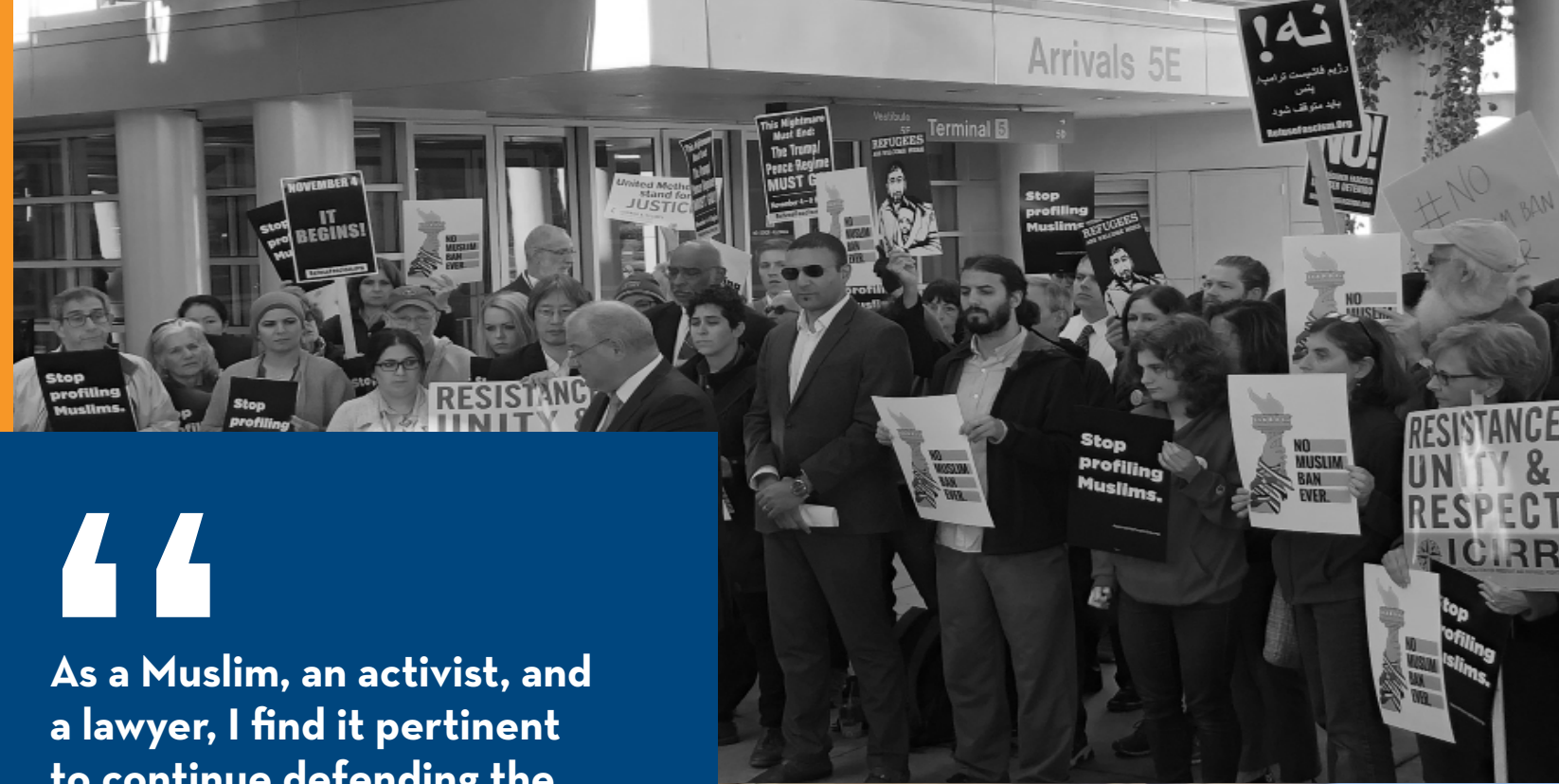
## IMPACT

This organic movement was seen around the country as lawyers answered to call to protect those most marginalized and disenfranchised and advocate against the injustice executed by the federal government. CAIR-Chicago, realizing that this movement could not remain sustainable, created the Travelers Assistance Project, or TAP, organizing the volunteer attorneys under its umbrella. CAIR-Chicago Executive Director Ahmed Rehab created an online portal where travelers could enter the flight information which was then tracked and followed up on. CAIR-Chicago Deputy Director Sufyan Sohel worked alongside TAP volunteer leads Iman Boundaoui, Jamie Friedland, and Matt Pryor, to organize the attorneys into shifts, provide adequate training, and ensure that there

were lawyers present at O’Hare International Airport. The lawyers remained on the ground through Mother’s Day, the only airport in the country that maintained a consistent presence for that duration.

## FUTURE

With the passage of new Muslim Bans, the need for an attorney presence was still felt and TAP shifted to a 24-hour hotline, staffed by Sohel and a team of volunteer attorneys, which will continue to be manned for the foreseeable future. “As a Muslim, an activist, and a lawyer, I find it pertinent to continue defending the rights of those affected by the Muslim Ban. It’s unfortunate that this is happening in America, a country that is proud of its immigrant heritage. We are seeing so many affected – even those from beyond the countries listed by the Ban – students, travelers, refugees, from all around the world. We will continue to fight and advocate. It’s what we do.” In order to meet the growing need of legally supporting Muslim travelers detained or harassed at airports following this Executive Order, CAIR-Chicago also launched an Attorney Corps program for attorneys who are interested in supporting CAIR-Chicago’s work fighting the Muslim Ban.



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**It’s what we do.**

Sufyan Sohel, Deputy Director



Executive Director, Ahmed Rehab and Deputy Director, Sufyan Sohel at O’Hare Airport in March for the protesting the Muslim Ban.

## 2017 in Numbers

652

Individuals Who Have Registered Flights with Us

398

Volunteer Lawyers

8.1K+

Hours at Airport

990

Cups of Coffee Consumed

# TAP

To find out more information about the Traveler’s Assistance Project, or register your flights with TAP, visit [www.tapus.org](http://www.tapus.org).

TAP 24-Hour Hotline: +1-872-333-2737

# CIVIL RIGHTS LEGISLATIVE PROJECTS

CAIR-Chicago Legislative Attorney Maaria Mozaffar & Deputy Director Sufyan Sohel have worked alongside other CAIR-Chicago staff and community partners in numerous advocacy and legislative efforts. In 2017, they participated in numerous Town Halls and other Community engagement efforts including several Know Your Rights workshops, diversity trainings, and presentations on resistance, the Muslim Ban, hate crimes, and issues facing the Muslim American Community.

## ANTI-REGISTRY ORDINANCE & LEGISLATION

The Prohibition on Participation in Registry Programs Ordinance, which CAIR-Chicago developed in close partnership with the City, prohibits using city resources on a federal registry program and disclosing individuals' information for any federal tracking registry based on race, gender, religion, ancestry, etc, among other things.

Legislative Attorney, Maaria Mozaffar and her intern Laura Saltzman for worked diligently to develop this vital ordinance as part of CAIR-Chicago's commitment for protecting the civil rights of Muslims and other minority groups in Chicago. The Anti-Registry Ordinance is an important, pro-active step in challenging

anti-Muslim racism from the federal level and protecting the rights, identities, and safety of all Chicago residents!

We are continuing to strengthen relationship with local, state & federal legislators to legislate on behalf of our communities. We have several endeavors under way including continuing to work to limit collaboration between immigration officers and local law enforcement, condemnation of the Muslim Bans, providing access to counsel for those facing issues at airports. We commit to continue advocating and encouraging those voted to represent us to stand up for our rights!



Photo: Deputy Director Sufyan Sohel with Cook County Commissioner Bridget Gainer and other community leaders.

# TOWN HALLS & PUBLIC EDUCATION INITIATIVE

Throughout the year, CAIR-Chicago staff organized, facilitated & participated in numerous public education initiatives to discuss the threats facing the Muslim and allied communities as well provide information and resources to members of our communities. These events have covered topics ranging from jobs & economic security, immigration, hate crimes & discrimination, the Muslim Ban, resistance, and collaboration amongst marginalized communities. We've spoken

at mosques & churches, universities & law schools, large conferences & living rooms. We have been joined by Congressmen and Congresswomen, community partners, faith leaders, students, activists, and those just seeking answers or more information. We've marched for women's rights & equality, against the refugee crisis and travel bans, and found that we, as a community, cannot fight against these injustices alone, but need to ally with all of our neighbors facing hate and discrimination.



**This is an example of the power of community and lawmaking. This Ordinance stands strong to prove Chicago's commitment against hate and division.**

Maaria Mozaffar, Legislative Attorney on Anti-Registration Ordinance



Photo: Maaria Mozaffar speaks on Windy City Live after being named 'Four Star Chicagoan'

# CHICAGO

MAGAZINE



Left to right: Lead organizers Jamie Friedland, Iman Boundaoui, Matt Pryor, and Sufyan Sobel

## CAIR-Chicago's TAP Coordinators 2017 Chicagoans of the Year

When news broke in January that the Trump administration had banned travelers from seven majority-Muslim countries, emails circulated among Chicago's legal community asking attorneys to volunteer their expertise to help affected passengers coming into O'Hare. Within a couple of days, 800 had, and dozens of them at a time were stationed outside customs at the airport to assist asylum seekers, green card holders, and others concerned about potential legal challenges to their entry into this country.

That was fortunate because the ban had created mass confusion. "We had green card holders come up to us asking if their green cards were going to be revoked," says Sufyan Sobel, an attorney in the Chicago chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations. Lawyers were drafting petitions for habeas corpus, which challenged travelers' extended detention, pretty much on the fly. It became clear early on that there needed to be some structure to what started as an organic movement, so Sobel and three other local attorneys—Iman Boundaoui and Jamie Friedland, who both work at major law firms, and Matt Pryor, who works with Cook County on federal antidiscrimination compliance—led the organizing efforts. They coordinated a schedule, ensuring that a handful of attorneys, out of a pool of more than 300 active volunteers, would be on hand around the clock in the first three months following the ban. "We wanted to be at the airport and just be visible so we could publicize what we were doing and gather info from people coming off flights," Friedland says. They also arranged for malpractice insurance and found translators who could be on call to help with any language barriers.

Attorneys are no longer stationed at the airport, though should new travel restrictions be put into place, volunteers are on reserve—and are now just a phone call away. With the help of CAIR-Chicago, the group has added a 24-hour hotline for issues that arise. "It's a beautiful thing to see everyone spring into action," Boundaoui says. "It's people saying, 'Not in our city. Not in our home. Not in Chicago.'" — CARRIE SCHEDLER



## A Resolution of the

### Board of Commissioners Cook County, Illinois

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THE HONORABLE BRIDGET GAINER,  
COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

A RESOLUTION HONORING CHICAGO MAGAZINE'S 2017 CHICAGOANS OF THE YEAR:  
ATTORNEYS WHO VOLUNTEERED AT O'HARE AIRPORT TO ASSIST TRAVELERS  
DURING THE FEDERAL TRAVEL BAN

WHEREAS, On Monday, December 4, 2017, the United States Supreme Court fully reinstated the third version of the federal travel ban; and,

WHEREAS, This travel ban goes against Cook County's values as a Sanctuary County and the City of Chicago's values as a Sanctuary City; and,

WHEREAS, When news first broke in January 2017 that travelers from seven majority-Muslim countries were banned from entering the United States, Chicago's legal community immediately took action; and,

WHEREAS, Over 300 local attorneys volunteered their expertise to help affected passengers coming into O'Hare, and Chicago Magazine recently named them as 2017 Chicagoans of the Year; and,

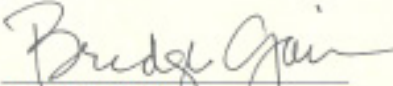
WHEREAS, four Chicago attorneys were recognized for helping lead organizing efforts during the first travel ban, ensuring that a handful of attorneys, out of a pool of more than 300 active volunteers, would be on hand around the clock in the first four months following the ban; and,

WHEREAS, Sufyan Sobel, Deputy Director at the Chicago office of the Council on American-Islamic Relations, Jamie Friedland of Latham & Watkins, Iman Boundaoui of Drinker Biddle and Reath, and Matt Pryor, who works with Cook County on federal anti-discrimination compliance, -lead the organizing efforts; and,

WHEREAS, these attorneys continue to oversee the volunteer efforts - via the Travelers Assistance Project - to provide services and support for travelers, and their loved ones, affected by the various versions of the travel bans.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognizes these Chicagoans of the year and good work by Chicago's legal community in standing up for the City's and County's values.

Approved and adopted the 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017.

  
BRIDGET GAINER  
Commissioner, 10<sup>th</sup> District

  
TONI PRECKWINKLE, President  
Cook County Board of Commissioners

# OUTREACH DEPARTMENT

*The Outreach Department aims to educate and build bridges between Muslims and diverse communities in the greater Chicago metro region, establish partnerships with other civil rights and advocacy organizations, and bolster CAIR-Chicago's ability to serve its constituents in Chicago's Muslim communities. To this end, the Outreach Department leads CAIR-Chicago's youth leadership programs, internship and volunteer activist programs, interfaith and intercultural initiatives, and educational seminars.*

The Outreach Department was at the forefront of tackling the various challenges facing the Chicagoland Muslim community. The Outreach Department turned ideas for meaningful civic and intercultural connections into real experiences that promoted exchanges, reflections, and positive actions.



Photo: CAIR-Chicago 2017 outreach group meeting in the intern center

**CAIR-Chicago remains steadfast to protect civil rights and social justice.**

## INTERNSHIP & VOLUNTEER ACTIVIST PROGRAMS

CAIR-Chicago is indebted to the interns and volunteer activists (VAs) who assist our staff to empower, mobilize, and engage our communities.

**In 2017, CAIR-Chicago reconnected with service-learning programs at local universities, and continued its partnership with Chicago Public Schools for service-learning opportunities with area high schools. This distinction allows students to bridge advocacy efforts with their lessons in any subject, and educators to work with CAIR-Chicago to create meaningful projects that fulfill graduation requirements.**

In 2017, the office graduated 63 interns, externs, fellows, and volunteer activists from across the United States, Burkina Faso, Pakistan, Somalia, Netherlands, and the Czech Republic.



Photo: Gerald Hankerson visits Washington DC for the 4th Annual US Council of Muslim Organizations Advocacy Day on Capitol Hill

## Internship and Volunteer Activist Programs



**CAIR-Chicago enjoys a thriving partnership with over 210 national universities and colleges throughout Chicagoland and the nation to offer their students internship and volunteer opportunities year round.**

**Interested in becoming an intern, extern or volunteer activist? Visit our Intern Center at [www.cairchicago.org/intern-center](http://www.cairchicago.org/intern-center) for more information on how you can get involved!**

### Internship programs are available through:

- Benedictine University
- Bucknell University
- DePaul University
- Georgetown University
- Lake Forest College
- Loyola University Chicago (LUC)
- Marquette University
- North Park University
- Northeastern Illinois University
- Northwestern University
- Prescott College
- Robert Morris University
- Saint Xavier University

- Southern Illinois University (SIU) at Carbondale
- Syracuse University
- University of Chicago
- University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC)
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- University of Kansas
- University of Missouri at Columbia
- University of Notre Dame
- University of Richmond
- University of Texas at Austin
- Wheaton College

### Law Externship programs are available through:

- Chicago-Kent College of Law, Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT)
- DePaul College of Law
- The John Marshall Law School
- LUC School of Law
- Northwestern University School of Law
- University of Chicago Law School
- University of Illinois College of Law
- University of Notre Dame Law School
- Valparaiso University Law School

# EVENTS & PROGRAMMING

## INTERFAITH & INTERCULTURAL ENGAGEMENT

The Outreach Department continues to hold educational lectures, workshops and dialogue. The office forges relationships with community partners, seeking to better understand parallel issues with the Muslim community.

For the third consecutive year, CAIR-Chicago collaborated with Children of Abraham, a local interfaith group, on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Participants, ranging from junior high students to adults, greeted and conversed with pedestrians on State St. with a message of peace. Eighth graders from an inner-city Latinx school and a private Muslim parochial school shared the differences and similarities of their backgrounds amid the debates over Muslim ban and border security.

CAIR-Chicago, along with Jewish Council for Urban Affairs (JCUA), coordinated an event for the Chicago Community Trust's "On the Table 2017" initiative to discuss how the local Muslim and Jewish communities can continue to forge genuine interfaith cooperation. The two organizations also partnered with the American Islamic College to host the inaugural "Hanukkah at the Mosque" gathering. Finally, our longtime partners, Catholic Theological Union's Peacebuilders Initiative, brought high school students of the Abrahamic traditions together for dialogue and interactive workshops on the topic of "the stranger," where Outreach Coordinator Gerald Hankerson spoke on the panel providing the Muslim perspective.



To me, resistance is a value that ignited our nation's creation and is a force that upholds righteousness against adversity during our most dire times.

Gerald Hankerson, Outreach Coordinator

## PUBLIC EDUCATION & ACADEMIA



CAIR-Chicago staff members from all departments were invited to speak at or host groups of prominent educational institutions including: Al-Aqsa School, American Islamic College, Benedictine University, Blackburn College (IL), Loyola University Chicago, Northeastern Illinois University, Northwestern University, Rush University, University of Chicago, and the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC). They also presented to special groups and institutions, including events sponsored by the Village of Niles and the City of Madison, Wisconsin.

The topics ranged from basic educational seminars to more nuanced issues such as Muslim demographics and current socio-political issues in the U.S., law enforcement abuses, identity politics,



Photo: Senator Dick Durbin discusses Islamophobia with Muslim youth at CAIR-Chicago

Participated on Several Panels on the Muslim Ban & Issues facing the Muslim American community  
 Represented Illinois Muslim Community at 3rd Annual USCMO Advocacy Days on Capitol Hill  
 Presented at Model UN Conference Held at Loyola University Chicago  
 Participated in On the Table 2017  
 Hosted U.S. State Department's Mandela Washington Fellow from Burkina Faso  
 Hosted Civil Rights Advocacy Delegation from Japan  
 Hosted DePaul Students on Job Shadow Day  
 Guest lectured and presented at various colleges, universities & law schools  
 Presented Social Justice Workshop to Jewish Youth Group Or Tzedek  
 Presented "Stay Woke! A Crash Course on IL Civics 2018"

...and even more!

## In 2017, CAIR-Chicago...

Helped Organize & Participated in Women's Marches in Chicago & DC  
 Hosted 3rd Annual MLK Interfaith Program  
 Presented Religious Accommodations at Illinois Department of Human Rights & other Government agencies  
 Presented at Louder Than A Bomb's first Muslim-Featured Poetry Event at Historic Hull House  
 Presented at Project Increase's Annual Internship Fair  
 Presented at several Job Fairs at local Universities, Colleges & Law Schools  
 Hosted Alternative Spring Break Group from Hamline University  
 Spoke at United We Stand Conference in Madison, WI  
 Spoke at CIOGC Lobby Day Press Conference in Springfield, IL  
 Hosted & Participated in Towards the Beloved Community: Townhall on Race, Privilege and Inclusion at CTU

Hosted & Participated in Connecting the Dots: Travel Ban to DACA at AIC  
 Testified at Hate Summit hosted by Attorney General Lisa Madigan  
 Spoke on Several Panels honoring the legacy of Fred Korematsu & 75th Anniversary of Japanese Internment  
 Organized several Townhalls with Senators, Congressmen & Women in response to rising Hate  
 Hosted 9th Annual Taste of Ramadan Iftar  
 Hosted "Incl(YOU)sion: Voices of Underrepresented Muslims" Panel  
 Spoke on Annual Arab American Heritage Month Panel at Circuit Courts of Cook County  
 Spoke on Panel at Film Screening of Oscar Winning-Short Film The White Helmets at Illinois Institute of Technology  
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**CIVIC ENGAGEMENT**

Since 2011, the Outreach department has led civic engagement efforts in order to educate and mobilize community members to respond appropriately to policies that affect all Americans.

Over the years, CAIR-Chicago has worked diligently to establish and strengthen relationships with our elected officials. In 2017, due to the various attacks against the Muslim-American communities, political leaders continuously reached out to our office to find out what they could do to support their Muslim constituents. This is representative of the over eighty letters of support we received from those elected to represent us.

CAIR-Chicago renewed its call for Illinois congressional members to support legislation that aims to reinforce civil liberties. Outreach Coordinator Gerald Hankerson led an Illinois delegation to meet with ten Congressional offices on legislative issues related to Muslims on Capitol Hill. The fight against the federal initiative, Counter Violent Extremism (CVE), casts light on how local efforts could mislead communities into compliance with the faulty surveillance strategies. Possibly the most significant effort this year was CAIR-Chicago's success with the Chicago City Council passing the organization's ordinance that promises to never establish a Muslim registry.



Photo: CAIR-Chicago joins many other community members for ŠTO TE NEMA, a public monument created as a response to Europe's worst atrocity since World War II - the systematic killing of 8,372 Muslim men and boys in the UN-protected safe area of Srebrenica in Bosnia and Herzegovina in July of 1995.

**ONE CHICAGO INITIATIVE**

CAIR-Chicago is an active member of the City of Chicago's One Chicago task force. In order to push back against xenophobic policies and rhetoric, the One Chicago campaign spotlights the city's unity and diversity that includes marginalized communities including immigrants and refugees. CAIR-Chicago's Operations Coordinator, Tsedenya Bizani, shared her story on the website, onechi.org, and was featured in the ad campaign as "100% Ethiopian. 100% Chicagoan."

**For 2017, CAIR-Chicago sought the positions and pledges from elected federal, state and local officials to act on the following issues (partial list):**

- CAIR-Chicago & Sen. Daniel Biss Urge Governor Rauner to End State Expenditure on Federal Immigration Mandates
- Action Alert: Call Your Senators to Oppose Attorney General Nominee Jeff Sessions
- Action Alert: Ask Gov. Rauner to sign The Trust Act & House Bill 3711!
- Action Alert: Ask Congressmen to vote NO on DeSantis Amendment #115 to Defund Islamic Relief
- Action Alert: #NoMuslimBanEver Rally Held at O'Hare

**MOSQUE & COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

CAIR-Chicago staff delivered Friday sermons (khutbahs) at some of largest mosques in the city and state in an effort to articulate key civil rights and humanitarian issues affecting our communities and to educate congregations with the resources that CAIR-Chicago offers. During the month of Ramadan 2017, CAIR-Chicago hosted and participated in several events that addressed awareness and solidarity. For the eighth consecutive year, CAIR-Chicago held its annual Taste of Ramadan Iftar & Cook-off which brought over 150 community members and supporters to the office celebrating Ramadan, breaking fast, sharing delicious food, and engaging in with friends, new and old.



Photo: CAIR-Chicago's Annual Taste of Ramadan brings together Muslims and non-Muslims from many different communities is one example of interfaith and intercultural engagement



CAIR-Chicago Intern Sabrina Wilson views exhibit before the Welcome Home reception begins

**WELCOME HOME PHOTO EXHIBIT**

In December, CAIR-Chicago hosted a photo exhibit called "Welcome Home," which showcases faces of Chicago's refugees as administrative policies and executive orders attack marginalized communities. The "Welcome Home" exhibit shared the personal human stories of refugees, stories often neglected in current political immigration discourse. Photographer Svetlana Rehab curated the exhibit. Refugees photographed in the exhibit attended the reception and spoke on their experiences as refugees.

CAIR-Chicago engaged in several events centered around the year's most discussed socio-political issues, while strengthening bonds with organizations and our communities. In January, following the execution of the first Muslim Ban, thousands of Chicagoans rushed to the airport in protest and support of those affected. Between teach-ins, presentations and workshops, CAIR-Chicago expanded its volunteer base as many heard our call to action in advocating for underrepresented voices in our communities. Town halls with community leaders and elected officials—U.S. Senator Dick Durbin and Congressional members Mike Quigley and Jan Schakowsky—garnered much interest from community members seeking answers to what efforts will stop anti-Muslim policies.



Photo: Outreach Coordinator Gerald Hankerson presented an interactive workshop to 100 eighth graders at Universal School in Bridgeview in May 2017

# WORLDWIDE IMPACT

CAIR-Chicago's outreach goes much further than Chicago or Illinois itself. Through internships, fellowships, hosting delegations, and visiting different countries in order to build international relationships, CAIR-Chicago's impact stretches **worldwide**.



*CAIR-Chicago staff welcomed Japanese delegation August to engage in conversation on current work, advocacy, and efforts being done by CAIR-Chicago*

Delegations of civic leaders, scholars, educators, students, activists, and law enforcement that visited in 2017 included representatives from:

- Algeria
- Burkina Faso
- Chad
- Egypt
- France
- Georgia
- Germany
- Iraq
- Japan
- Kuwait
- Mali
- Mauritania
- Morocco
- Palestine
- Saudi Arabia
- Sweden
- United Kingdom

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- Burkina Faso
- Pakistan
- Somalia
- Netherlands
- Czech Republic

## INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

CAIR-Chicago welcomed international delegations of civic leaders, scholars, educators, students, activists, and law enforcement officials through partnerships with the Chicago Council on Global Affairs, WorldChicago (formerly the International Visitors Center of Chicago), and the International Research & Exchanges Board (IREX). All delegates were guests of the U.S. Department of State.



# OUR MEDIA TRACK RECORD

## Communications Department

The CAIR-Chicago Communications Department is the face and voice of the organization, connecting the work done in the office to the greater local, national, and international community. This department holds press conferences; issues press releases and newsletters to thousands of media outlets and local leaders; maintains CAIR-Chicago's website; updates, grows, and organizes initiatives across social media accounts including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Snapchat; creates official documentaries and publications; contributes journalistic articles regularly; and produces video content for cases and news stories.

Social Media Engagement

**+95.0%**

TV and Radio Networks

**114**

Pageviews on CAIR-Chicago website

**301.2k**

Followers Across Social Media

**17.6k**

Mentions in local and international media in 2017

**2.0k+**

Mentions in local and international media

**17.1k+**

Mainstream Media Interviews

**1,425+**



# COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

*The Communications Department ensures that CAIR-Chicago's critical work is impactful nationwide.*



*Photo: Former Communications Coordinator Hoda Katebi attends vigil for Nabra Hassanen & Charleena Lyles co-hosted by CAIR-Chicago in June of 2017*

In 2017, the Communications Department pushed forward with challenging inaccuracies and biased narratives in mainstream and social media that fueled bigotry and marginalization in the United States. This year, the Communications team continued to utilize various avenues to curate a collection of vehicles for fast, easily absorbed information for audiences of all backgrounds.

In order to improve its reach to younger audiences, the Communications Department re-vamped its Instagram with daily updates, Instagram takeovers, and actively responding to questions and commentary across all social media platforms. Ease of accessibility on this platform, among others, has led to a 95% increase in follower engagement—further boosting a push for civic engagement among millennials and younger generations. As the primary source for updates to our community, CAIR-Chicago spent the year rebooting the weekly newsletter, uploading new stories

daily on our website, and engaging in constant conversations on social media platforms including Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. As a result, the organization set record numbers in readership in 2017, with over 301,000 page views on our website and nearly 18,000 followers across our social media platforms.

This past year, the Communications Department provided exclusive coverage of all CAIR-Chicago's community events, press engagements, and sponsored events featuring the staff. Also continuing the Know Your Rights initiative from 2016, CAIR-Chicago gave presentations across the Midwest at public schools, local mosques, and community centers. The pocket-sized Know Your Rights booklet continues to be a valuable resource to our community members today.



*Photo: Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky attends Rohingya protest with CAIR-Chicago staff*



*Photo: Performer at CAIR-Chicago's 100 Days of Resistance Open Mic Night*

CAIR-Chicago is trusted by local and national media to deliver responses and coverage of events that occur relating to bigotry and Islamophobia. The emergence of the Muslim Bans only increased the need for extensive coverage and well-informed voices provided to the media to ensure Muslims are accurately represented by the media.

### MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH

The Communications Department is the first line of defense for news sources—written, televised, or radio broadcasted. Information on cases, lawsuits, and incidents in reports both locally and nationally was first drafted on the desks of the Communications team. Working tirelessly to bring CAIR-Chicago's community

and its struggles to the limelight, the Communications Department also works in the field to report incidents that challenge or uphold the media's credibility.

### EXPANDING TO MEET A GROWING NEED

The Communications Department expanded the breadth of its media accountability committees in 2017. Volunteer and intern groups spent much of the year orchestrating exposés on the bigoted biases of multiple online personalities. With over 603 open cases in the past year, CAIR-Chicago has been working harder than ever and the Communications Department has and will continue to rapidly respond to biased media and bigotry. In addition, the Communications team worked with the Research Department in launching Hate Yearbook, a database of popular media Islamophobes for scholarly, journalistic, and editorial use.



*Photo: Protesters appear at rally inside O'Hare Airport against the Trump Travel Ban in October*



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Asha Binbek, Communications Coordinator

# CHICAGO MONITOR

In 2012, CAIR-Chicago Executive Director Ahmed Rehab founded the Chicago Monitor in order to offer a platform for activists to produce works that challenge biased media coverage. The Chicago Monitor provides alternative perspectives on social justice as well as civil and human rights issues. Contributors include: CAIR-Chicago staff, interns, and volunteers from around the world, and the site has attracted tens of thousands of international and local readers that only continue to grow.

The Chicago Monitor remained strong throughout the year, hitting the highest number of views ever recorded in March. The Communications Department recruited a significant number of reporters and journalists to write for the newspaper. With field reporters covering recent protests and rallies in regards to the Jerusalem Decision, to earlier events, such as Chicago's response to the DACA decision and the Muslim Ban. The Chicago Monitor has established itself as a reputable, independent news source.

The Chicago Monitor continues to increase its editorial output. The summer and fall of 2017 saw a rise in political cartoons and comics, making poignant messages easily digestible for the urban professional and the high school teenager alike.

Op-eds covering self-care, mindfulness, and arts have also left their mark on The Chicago Monitor, helping it maintain its status as reading material for all walks of life. The Communications coordinators are continuously working to improve its reach—they've started an Instagram page for the newspaper, as well as a magazine and podcast. On all outlets, the fight against Trump Era xenophobia, sexism, racism, and bigotry has and will continue to be strong.

2017 was also a big year for the Chicago Monitor social media presence, seeing a 95% increase in its Instagram following. Its contributors worked to highlight the artistic culture of Muslims in Chicago and nationally, fostering an affect of solidarity so desperately needed in today's sociopolitical climate.

With the podcast and magazine becoming new mediums for Muslim voices, the Chicago Monitor will become a full entity for reporting news in Chicago centered around politics, the city, and the people living in it. With so much happening in the world today, it is important to cover as much as we can for the people it's affecting. The Chicago Monitor is growing and with it comes innovation and opportunity to make it better.

## CHICAGO MONITOR

The Chicago Monitor is a separate news entity where our interns and contributors report on news happening in the city, country, and world. The Chicago Monitor is a reliable source of news in the city. Be it local **or** political or local **and** political the Chicago Monitor covers a wide breadth of news for all readers.

## MONITOR MAG

The Monitor Mag serves as an editorial source for Muslims. Whether you are submitting a piece of poetry or an editorial on books to read with people of color, the Monitor Mag wants to capture the voices of Muslim that are all too often muted in the mainstream media.

## MONITOR MINUTE

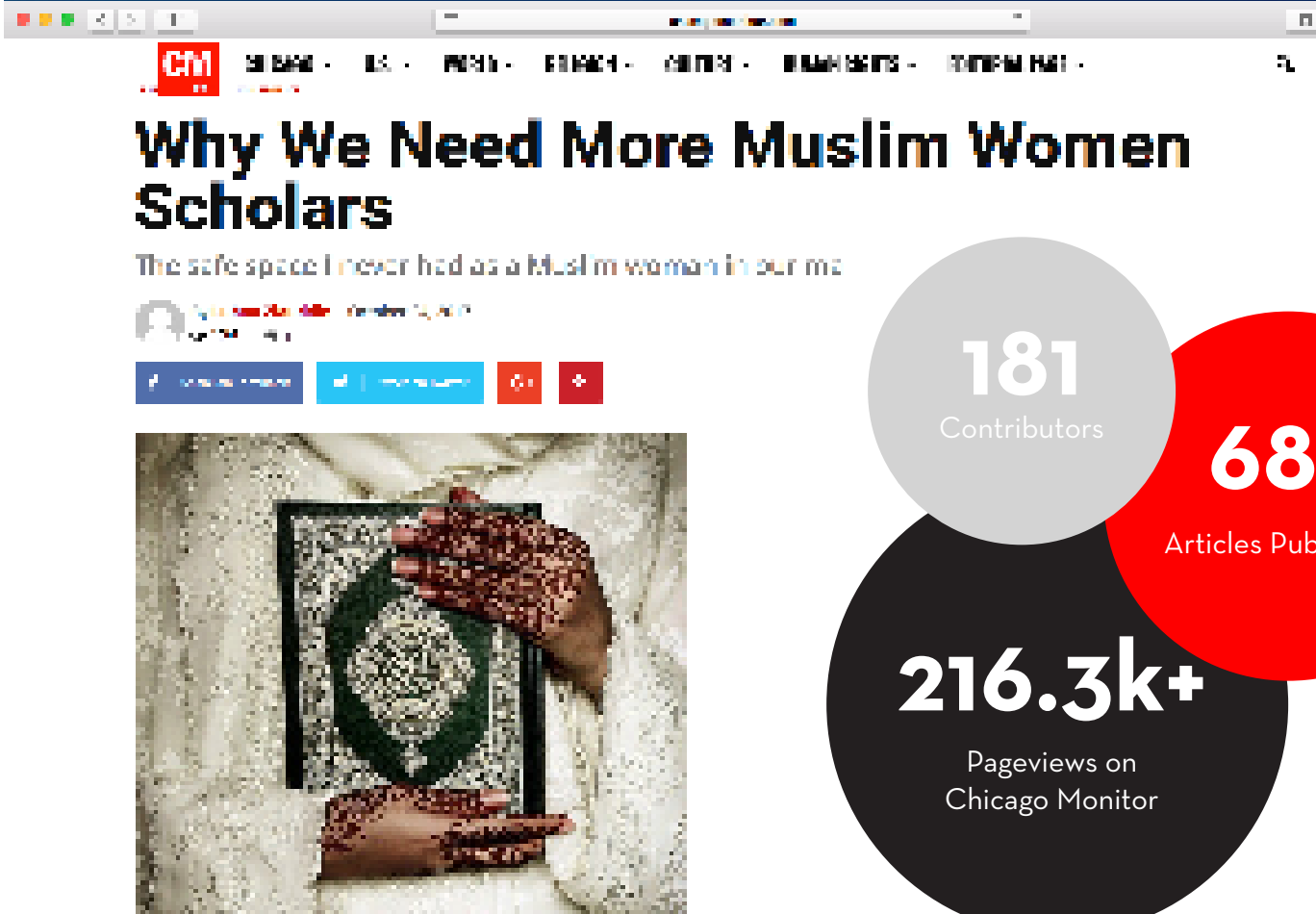
The Monitor Minute is a thirty-minute bi-monthly podcast run completely by the Communications Department interns. These podcasts explore the stories of Chicago Muslims and show why they are so unique. If there's an interesting story you want to tell, reach out to our Communications Department!

“ We spend so much time getting depressed about the negative things happening everyday, we want to foster an attitude of solidarity and positivity to combat that. Bad things happen everyday, but we can make good things happen, too!

Saadia Pervaiz, Communications Coordinator & Editor-In-Chief



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181 Contributors

683 Articles Published

216.3k+ Pageviews on Chicago Monitor

# RESEARCH DEPARTMENT

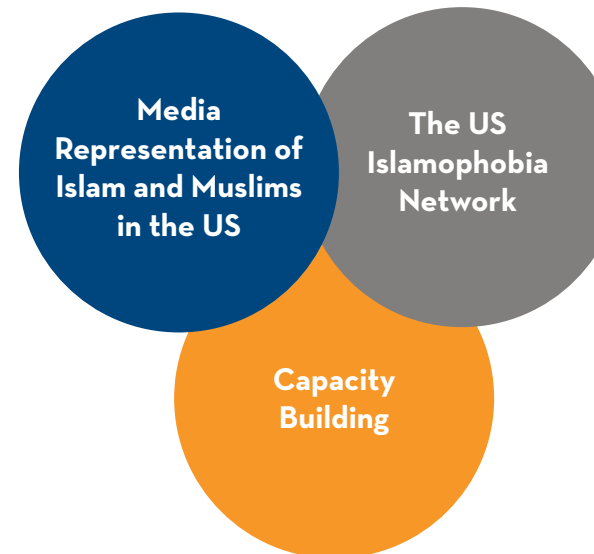


**As the new administration's vision and policies target the most vulnerable at home & abroad it is more important than ever that our work is rooted in concrete, irrefutable data.**

Tauseef Akbar, Research Coordinator

*Our Research Department is actively involved in creating and supporting research projects that are particularly relevant to the Muslim American community nationally and in greater Chicagoland. Ongoing efforts include the study of the Muslim community's demographics, institutional profiles, identifying civil rights patterns and trends in various instances of discrimination confronting Muslim Americans daily.*

In 2017, CAIR-Chicago's Research Department focused its attention on three specific areas:



The department continued to enhance several on-going live databases fundamental to a knowledge-based approach to communication strategy and legal advocacy, including but not limited to mosque mapping, demographic trends of the Chicagoland Muslim community, the representation of Islam in Chicago Public Libraries and hate crimes proliferation in Illinois.

On media representation, Director Tauseef Akbar, lead a group of researchers in gathering data on the representation of Islam and Muslims on major news media channels and influential television programs. Particularly, researchers investigated and analyzed the problem of the under-reported proliferation of anti-Muslim stereotypes and prejudices on Real Time with Bill Maher, and its exclusion of Muslim voices; a forty-page report is scheduled for publication in mid-January 2018.

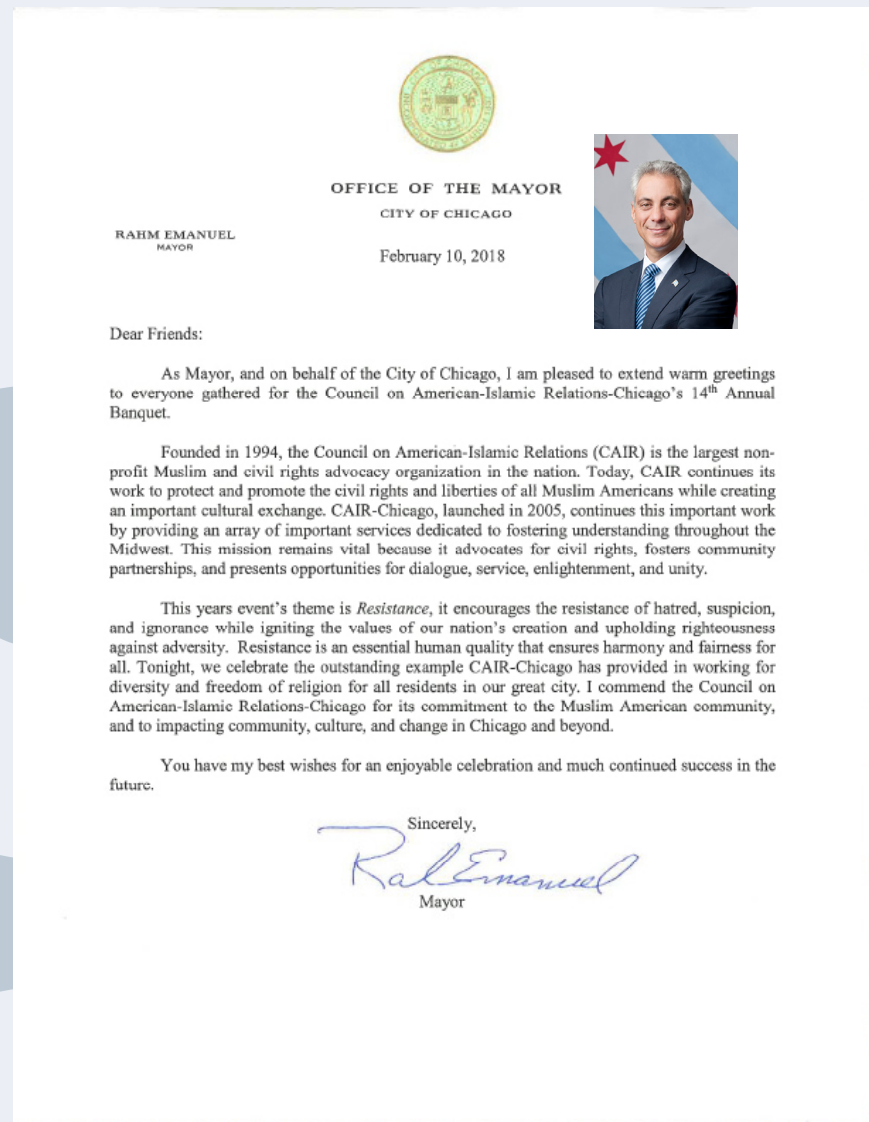




*Photo: Research Coordinator Tauseef Akbar joined by Outreach Coordinator Gerald Hankerson and U.S. State Dept. Fellow of CAIR-Chicago Ousmane Bah from Burkina Faso*

The Research Department completed a major months-long collaborative project with the Communications Department that identified, assessed, and gathered data, profiles, and affiliations on the US Islamophobia network. The project which involved 10 part, and full time, researchers enhanced existing and disparate data and information, updated missing data points and organized it into content that will be gathered together in the most comprehensive and exhaustive website to-date on the network. The website will be going live for the use of community members, students, journalists, and academics in February 2018.

The Research Department also made strides in reviewing research methods and methodologies, developing its capacity and procedural processes. Additionally, the department continued to participate in teach-ins on Islamophobia, Know Your Rights presentations, interfaith engagement, assist in curriculum creation on Islam and the Muslim community with academics at their institutions, provide journalists with concrete and reliable information on Muslim civil rights, and help to guide and enhance the skills of volunteers and interns.

# LETTERS OF RECOGNITION



  
**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**  
 CITY OF CHICAGO  
 RAHM EMANUEL  
 MAYOR  
 February 10, 2018  


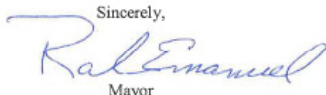
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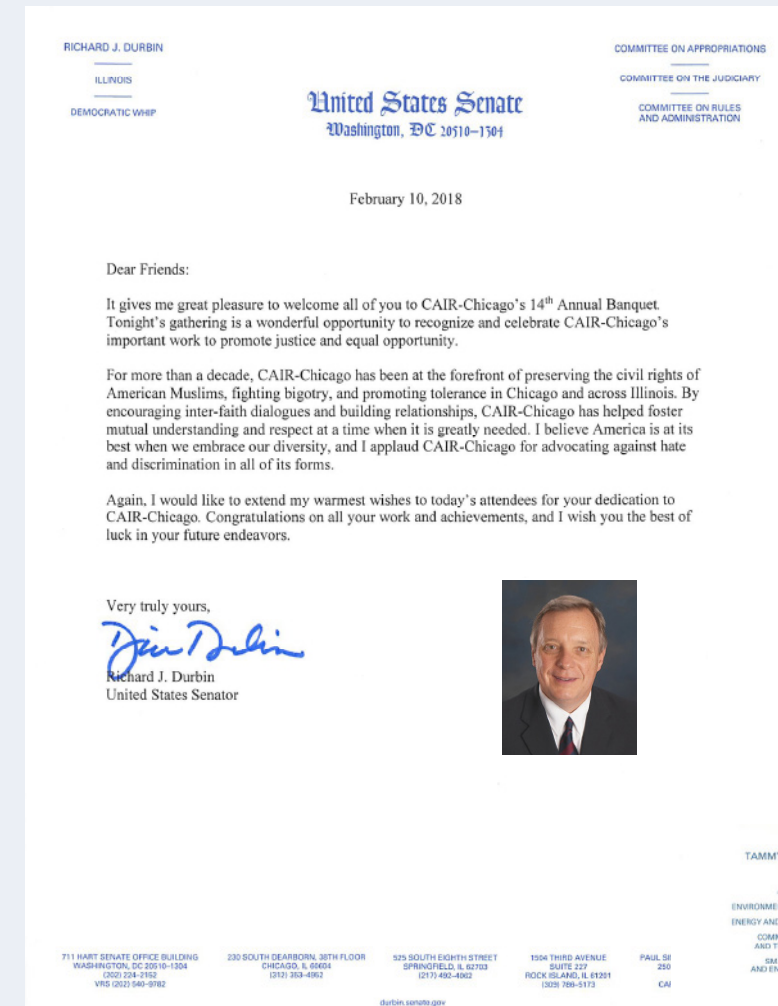
As Mayor, and on behalf of the City of Chicago, I am pleased to extend warm greetings to everyone gathered for the Council on American-Islamic Relations-Chicago's 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet.


Founded in 1994, the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) is the largest non-profit Muslim and civil rights advocacy organization in the nation. Today, CAIR continues its work to protect and promote the civil rights and liberties of all Muslim Americans while creating an important cultural exchange. CAIR-Chicago, launched in 2005, continues this important work by providing an array of important services dedicated to fostering understanding throughout the Midwest. This mission remains vital because it advocates for civil rights, fosters community partnerships, and presents opportunities for dialogue, service, enlightenment, and unity.

This year's event's theme is *Resistance*, it encourages the resistance of hatred, suspicion, and ignorance while igniting the values of our nation's creation and upholding righteousness against adversity. Resistance is an essential human quality that ensures harmony and fairness for all. Tonight, we celebrate the outstanding example CAIR-Chicago has provided in working for diversity and freedom of religion for all residents in our great city. I commend the Council on American-Islamic Relations-Chicago for its commitment to the Muslim American community, and to impacting community, culture, and change in Chicago and beyond.

You have my best wishes for an enjoyable celebration and much continued success in the future.

Sincerely,  
  
 Mayor



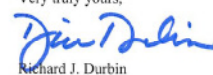

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 February 10, 2018

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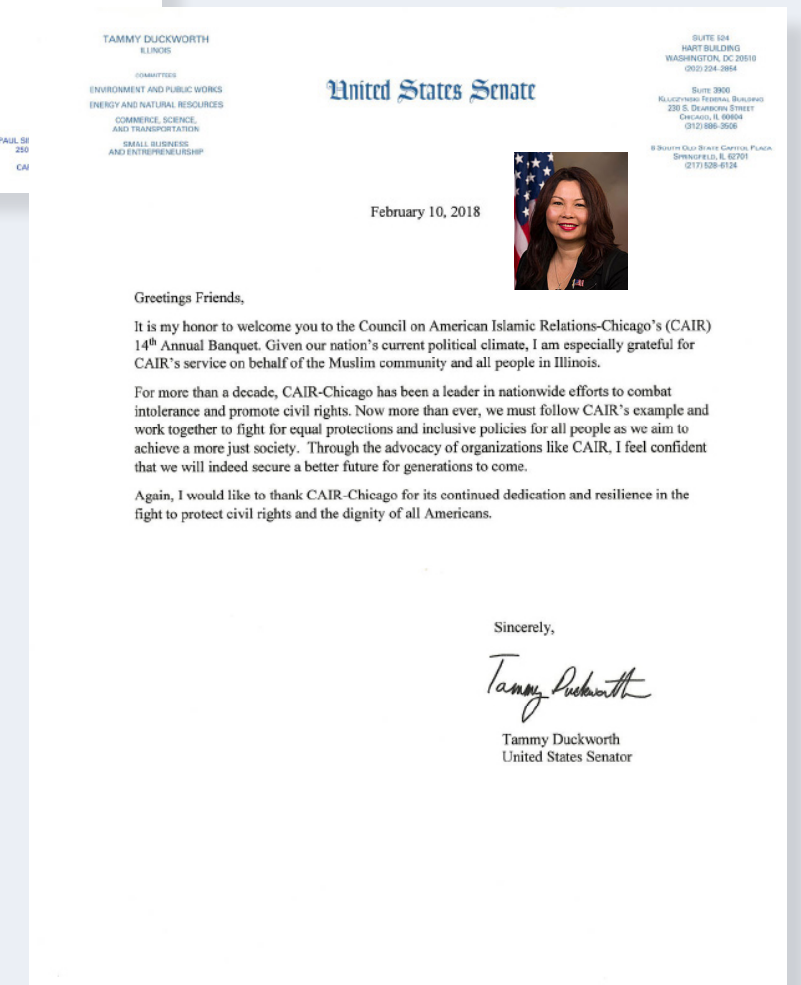
It gives me great pleasure to welcome all of you to CAIR-Chicago's 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet. Tonight's gathering is a wonderful opportunity to recognize and celebrate CAIR-Chicago's important work to promote justice and equal opportunity.



For more than a decade, CAIR-Chicago has been at the forefront of preserving the civil rights of American Muslims, fighting bigotry, and promoting tolerance in Chicago and across Illinois. By encouraging inter-faith dialogues and building relationships, CAIR-Chicago has helped foster mutual understanding and respect at a time when it is greatly needed. I believe America is at its best when we embrace our diversity, and I applaud CAIR-Chicago for advocating against hate and discrimination in all of its forms.

Again, I would like to extend my warmest wishes to today's attendees for your dedication to CAIR-Chicago. Congratulations on all your work and achievements, and I wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors.

Very truly yours,  
  
 Richard J. Durbin  
 United States Senator  


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 February 10, 2018  


Greetings Friends,

It is my honor to welcome you to the Council on American Islamic Relations-Chicago's (CAIR) 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet. Given our nation's current political climate, I am especially grateful for CAIR's service on behalf of the Muslim community and all people in Illinois.

For more than a decade, CAIR-Chicago has been a leader in nationwide efforts to combat intolerance and promote civil rights. Now more than ever, we must follow CAIR's example and work together to fight for equal protections and inclusive policies for all people as we aim to achieve a more just society. Through the advocacy of organizations like CAIR, I feel confident that we will indeed secure a better future for generations to come.

Again, I would like to thank CAIR-Chicago for its continued dedication and resilience in the fight to protect civil rights and the dignity of all Americans.

Sincerely,  
  
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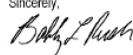
I am pleased to congratulate the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) Chicago on your 14th Anniversary Celebratory Banquet. I applaud the council for continuing this great tradition of bringing together community leaders, scholars, and activists to celebrate CAIR's work in robustly defending civil liberties. The council's efforts in the State of Illinois and across the nation is much needed and appreciated.

On this special occasion, I would like to thank CAIR who has helped to foster significant growth and prosperity to our communities through its successful training, education and community development programs. The 2018 event theme, "Resistance", reasserts CAIR's mission to enhance the understanding of Islam, encourage dialogue, protect civil liberties, empower American Muslims, and fosters an atmosphere to build coalitions that promote justice and mutual understanding. CAIR goes above and beyond in its commitment to engage individuals from all walks of life around the globe.

CAIR's advocacy has been instrumental in giving the American Muslim community an authentic and honest voice. I remain inspired by CAIR's efforts thus far, and look forward to our collaborative work in the future.

As a firm believer in justice and civil rights, I salute CAIR for empowering American Muslims nationwide in political and social activism for more than two decades. Our democracy requires the active participation of informed citizens and I commend CAIR for representing and championing the principles of civic engagement on which the United States of America was founded.

Once again, congratulations on 14 years of excellence and community service. This year's banquet will be a wonderful experience for every person in attendance.

Sincerely,  
  
Bobby L. Rush  
Member of Congress

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**ROBIN L. KELLY**  
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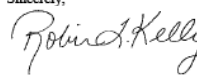
Council on American-Islamic Relations  
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17 North State Street  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Friends,

I wish to extend my warmest welcome to the Illinois Muslim community as you gather for CAIR-Chicago's 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet. Today is your day to celebrate your achievements in promoting justice and inclusion in our communities.

This year's theme — "Resistance" — is a great reminder to all that, although we live in a great country with amazing people, there are still battles to be won to guarantee that all are treated fairly and equally. I applaud your effort to ensure justice for the embattled in our communities and to foster understanding throughout greater Chicagoland and Illinois. Many beautiful customs and traditions have been brought to our country by people of Islamic faith. It is only right that you are celebrated and valued as a community.

Congratulations on 14 years of hosting this event and best wishes!

Sincerely,  
  
Robin L. Kelly  
Member of Congress

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**LUIS V. GUTIERREZ**  
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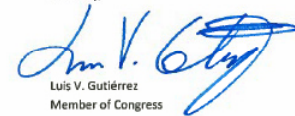
CAIR-Chicago  
17 N. State St. Suite 1500  
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Dear CAIR-Chicago:

I write to congratulate you on your Annual Banquet as you celebrate 14 years of service in Chicago. It is an honor to recognize the important work that CAIR-Chicago has done and to wish you good luck in the years ahead.

CAIR-Chicago is the city's leading advocacy organization for the Muslim American community. Through political empowerment, voter registration, civil rights defense, and other efforts, CAIR-Chicago has exhibited what it really means to be American. It is an unfortunate time in our country; derogatory rhetoric towards the Muslim community is becoming more common and mainstream. I am glad to see CAIR-Chicago continue to fight the good fight at the frontlines against bias and anti-Muslim rhetoric that is a stain on our communities.

It is an honor for me to congratulate you for your many years of advocacy and public service. Please know that my heart remains open to you—if there is anything I can do to help you in your efforts, do not hesitate to ask. Thank you and once again congratulations!

Sincerely,  
  
Luis V. Gutierrez  
Member of Congress

**MIKE QUIGLEY**  
UNITED STATES CONGRESS  
February 10, 2018

Mr. Ahmed M. Rehab  
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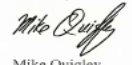
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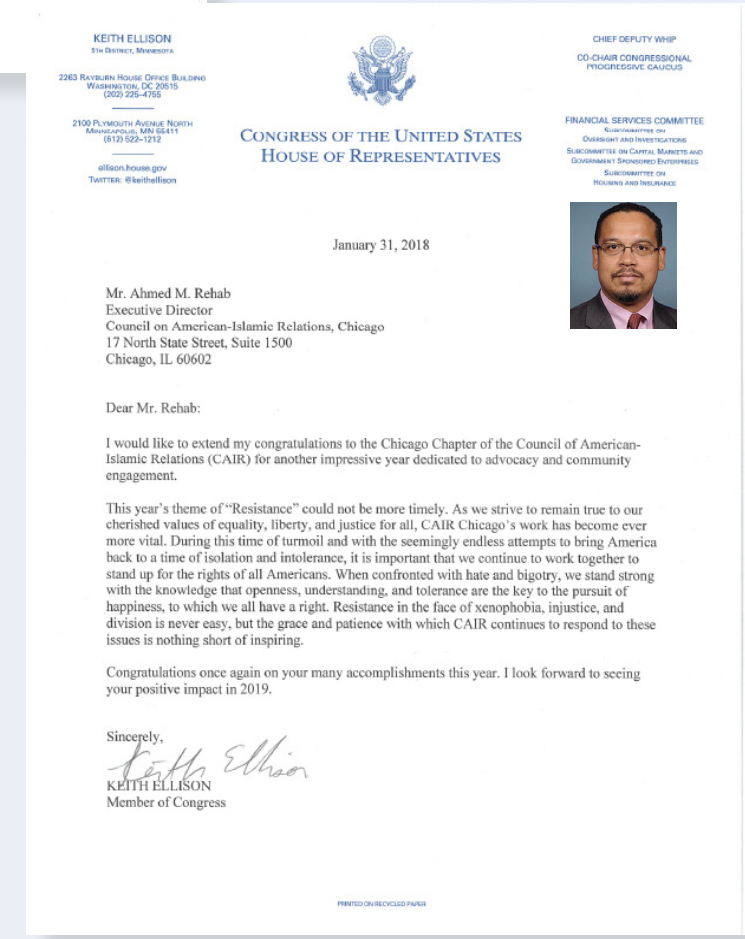
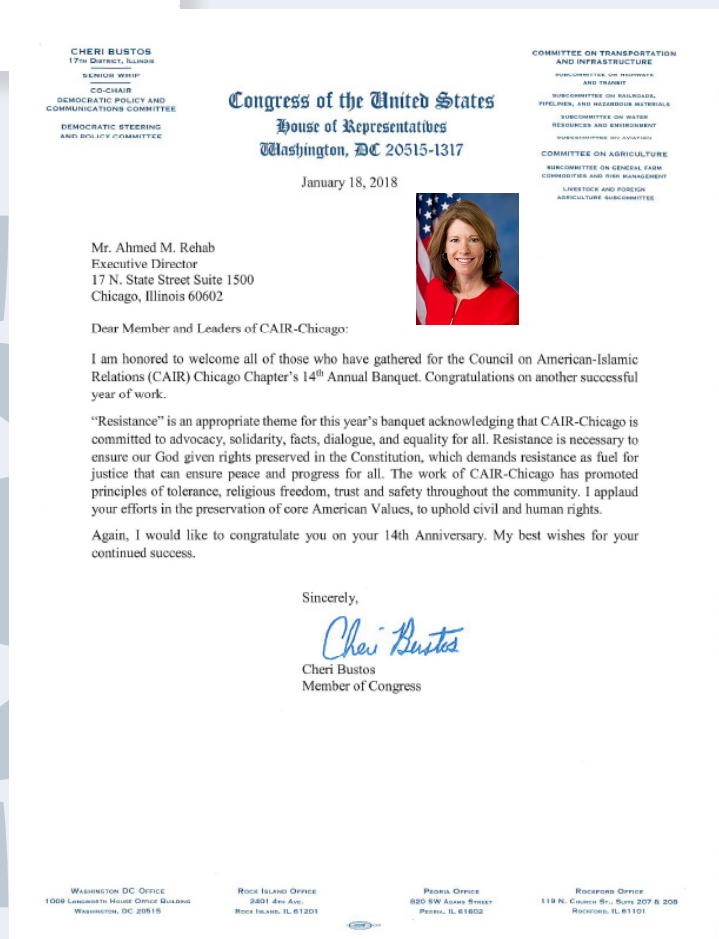
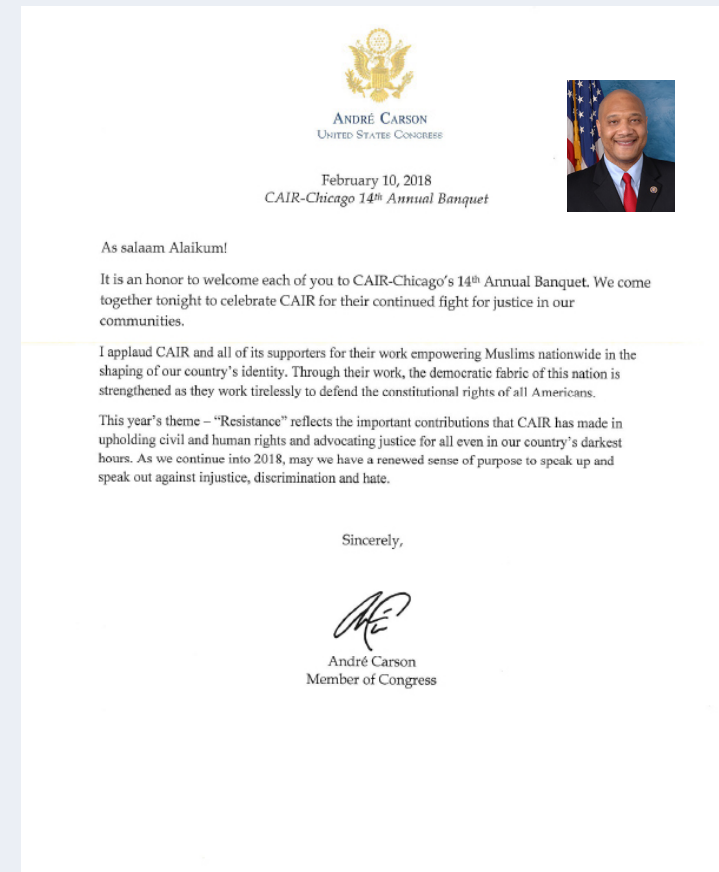
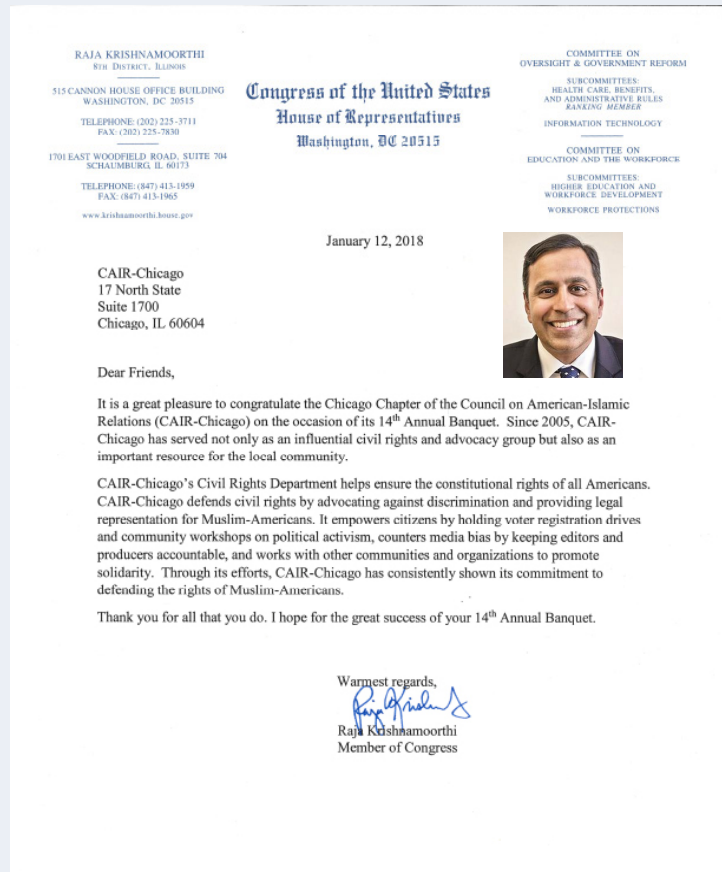
I wish to extend my greetings to everyone attending the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet "Resistance 3.0."

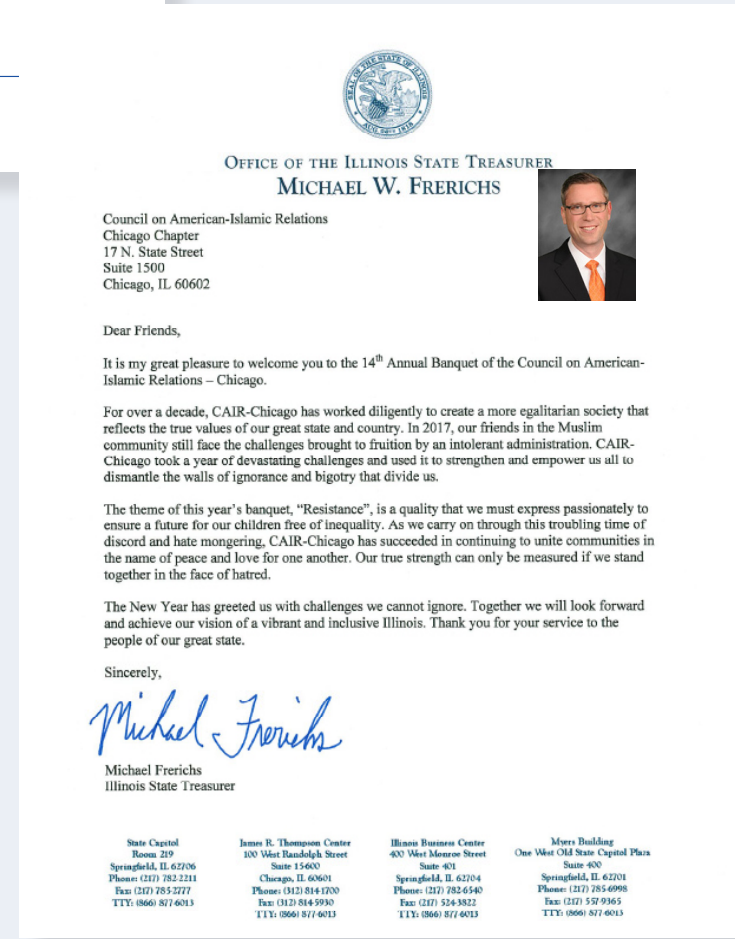
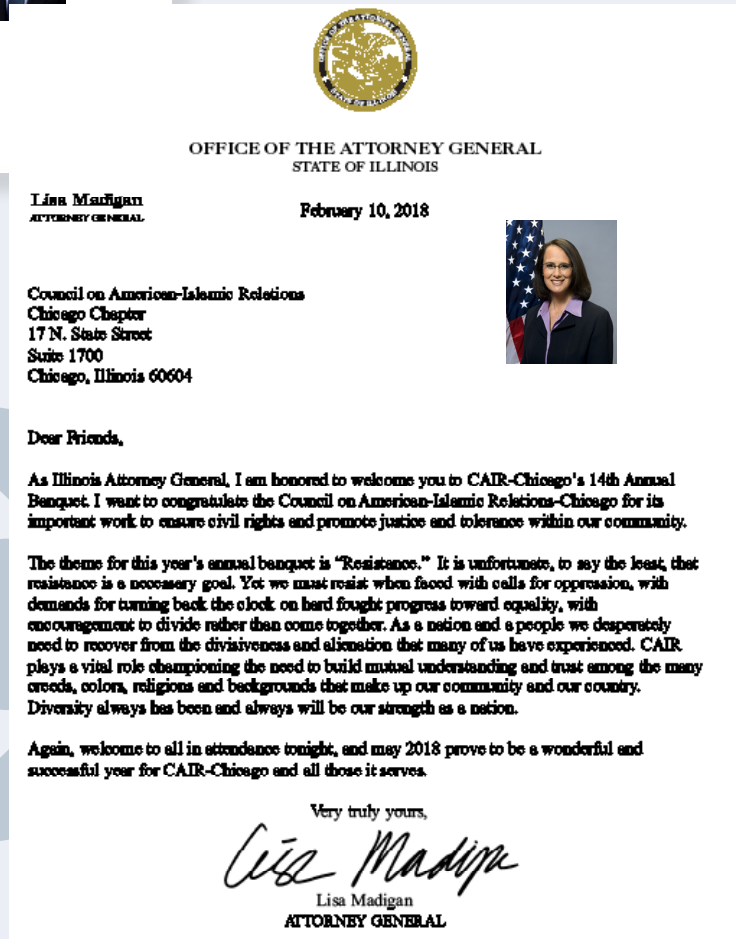
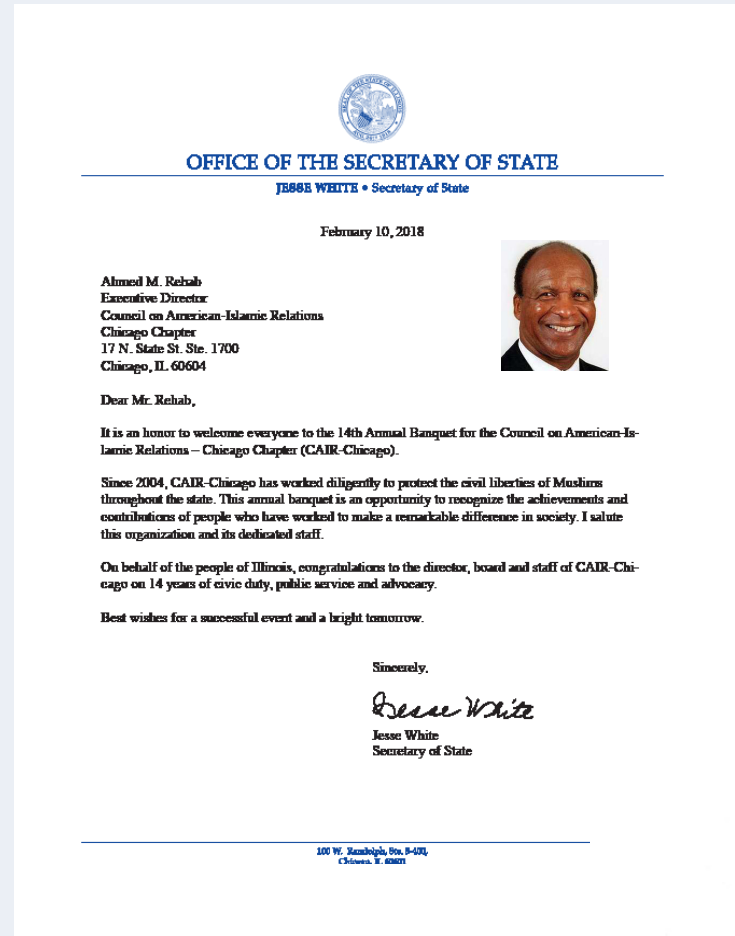
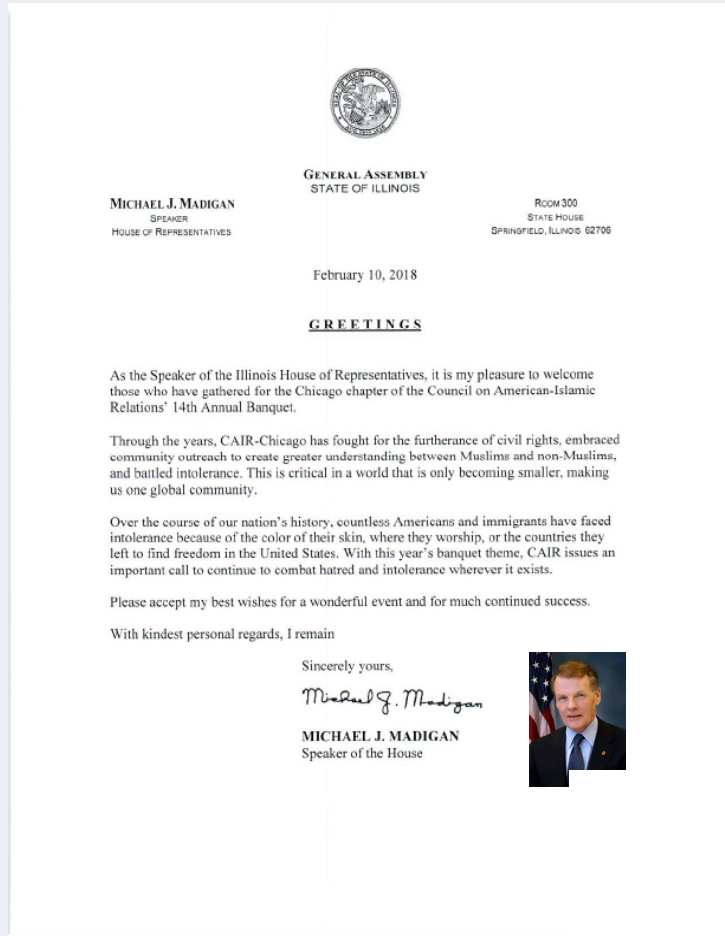
Immigrants are an important part of the history of the United States, and we should celebrate their contributions to our society and our culture. I believe our diversity is part of our country's strength and by working together, we can provide better lives for all.

The work CAIR does for our city, state, and across the nation of attaining equal opportunity for and normalizing the image of Muslims in America, not only enriches the Muslim community but also expands productive dialogue between cultures.


Best wishes for a successful event.

Sincerely,  
  
Mike Quigley  
Member of Congress





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TONI PRECKWINKLE  
PRESIDENT

February 10, 2018

**GREETINGS**

As President of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, and on behalf of the residents of Cook County, I offer warm greetings to the members and friends of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), Chicago Chapter, as you gather together to hold your 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet, themed "Resistance."

I wish to commend everyone at CAIR, Chicago Chapter, for your deep sense of mission, which informs the vital work you continue to do on behalf of the Muslim American community of Cook County. Through your dedicated service in the areas of civil rights defense and advocacy, media outreach, public relations and voter registration, you truly are empowering and transforming Cook County's Muslim American community. Further, I laud CAIR, Chicago Chapter, for fostering awareness, appreciation and understanding of Muslim Americans and Muslim American culture among the residents of Cook County. Now more than ever, dialogue amongst our residents helps foster peace and unity in the County and resist the fear tactics that currently torments our nation.

Please accept my appreciation for the work you do and for the contributions you make to enrich the lives of all residents of Cook County. May all in attendance enjoy a memorable Banquet, and I wish all continued success.

Sincerely,  
*Toni Preckwinkle*  
Toni Preckwinkle  
President

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February 10, 2018

Dear Friends,

As Cook County Clerk, it is my pleasure to celebrate the 14<sup>th</sup> annual CAIR-Chicago Banquet with you.

For years, CAIR-Chicago has fought against bigotry with tolerance by providing services that ensure equal opportunities for the Muslim community, all while defending civil rights and encouraging civic participation.

These good works are increasingly needed as our country has seen a rise in inflammatory rhetoric and hateful actions towards communities of color – unfortunately often coming directly from our highest leaders.

In these challenging times, it's vibrant and impactful organizations such as CAIR-Chicago that we need in order to ensure that America's promise is fully realized. Your efforts are needed now more than ever.

Congratulations on celebrating this wonderful occasion and thank you for your continued service to the Chicagoland Muslim community – and by extension – all of Cook County.

Sincerely,  
*David Orr*  
David Orr  
Cook County Clerk



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January 26, 2018


Mr. Ahmed M. Rehab  
Executive Director  
Council on American-Islamic Relations  
Chicago Chapter  
17 N. State St., Suite 1700  
Chicago, IL 60604

Dear Director Rehab,

As Sheriff of Cook County, it is my honor to extend my support and congratulations to the Council on American-Islamic Relations-Chicago Chapter, as you celebrate your 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet. I personally appreciate CAIR-Chicago's continued commitment to fighting for justice in our communities. I commend the work that CAIR-Chicago has always done in regards to upholding civil and human rights.

Again, congratulations on celebrating another year and best of luck in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,  
*Thomas J. Dart*  
Thomas J. Dart  
Sheriff of Cook County



**OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY**

February 10, 2018

Mr. Ahmed M. Rehab  
Executive Director  
Council on American-Islamic Relations, Chicago Office  
17 N. State St., Ste. 1500  
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Dear Mr. Rehab:

Greetings to you and everyone attending the 14th Annual Banquet of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) Chicago Chapter. The event's theme, "Resistance," is a provocative call to action that has become so necessary in the current atmosphere of our country. I commend CAIR for urging us all to resist "hatred, suspicion and ignorance." I personally support all efforts that work to ensure equal rights for all people, and commend CAIR-Chicago for demanding fair treatment through advocacy as well as resistance.

I applaud CAIR-Chicago for its commitment to ending practices of ethnic defamation and discrimination in our communities, and its efforts to unite individuals from various backgrounds in support of its mission to ensure justice for all. It is commendable that the CAIR organization works tirelessly to promote understanding across racial, religious and cultural lines, and thereby serves to enhance the quality of life for all Americans.

For its dedication to inclusiveness, civic responsibility and human rights, I extend best wishes for continued success to the Chicago Chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations.

Sincerely,  
*Dorothy Brown*  
Dorothy Brown  
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County



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STATE ATTORNEY

Mr. Ahmed M. Rehab  
Executive Director  
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Dear Mr. Rehab,

On behalf of the Cook County State's Attorney's Office, I congratulate the Council on American-Islamic Relations, Chicago Chapter (CAIR-Chicago) as you commemorate your 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet.

This year's theme, "Resistance" is a powerful call to action that requires that we work together to resist hatred, suspicion and ignorance in our community, which continues to divide us.

I commend CAIR-Chicago for its unwavering commitment to promoting tolerance, advocating for justice, raising awareness and upholding civil and human rights in Chicago and across the nation.

Best wishes for continued success and progress.

Sincerely,  
*Kimberly M. Foxk*  
Kimberly M. Foxk  
Cook County State's Attorney



**JESÚS G. GARCÍA  
COMMISSIONER - 7<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT  
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January 31, 2018

Council on American-Islamic Relations  
Chicago Chapter  
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To the Esteemed CAIR-Chicago Community,


I am humbled to have the opportunity to congratulate the Council on American-Islamic Relations - Chicago Chapter on a year of exceptional success as your organization continues to fiercely defend the civil rights of our Muslim neighbors in the Chicago area.

The past year brought great challenges, yet CAIR-Chicago embodies this event's theme of "Resistance" by being steadfast to its mission to promote equality for Muslims locally and throughout the nation. In light of our civil liberties being dismantled, the vision and daily work of the leaders who comprise CAIR-Chicago are more critical than ever.

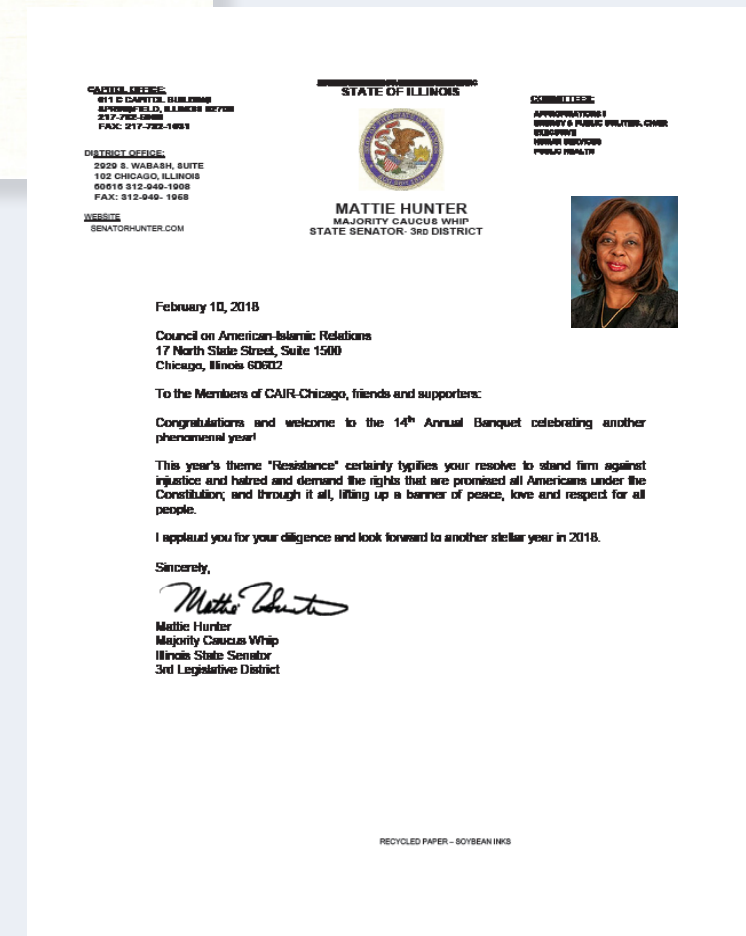
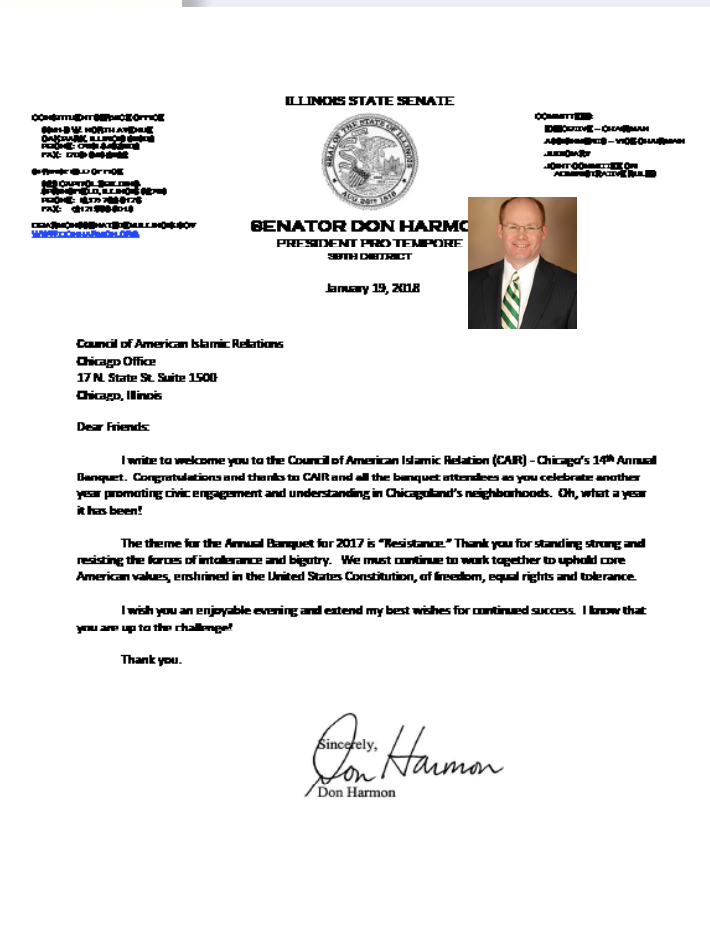
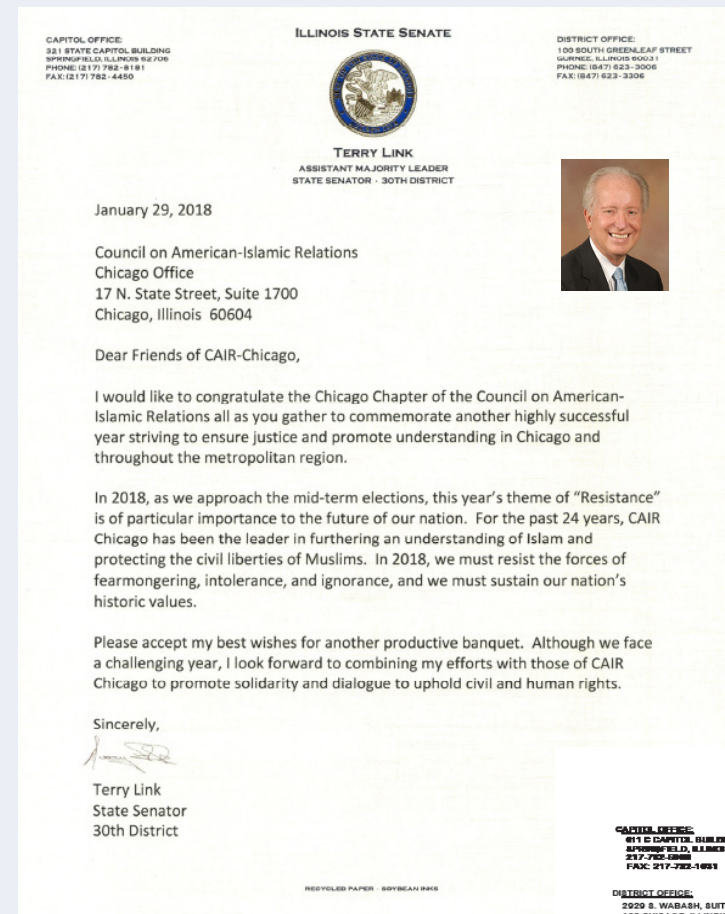
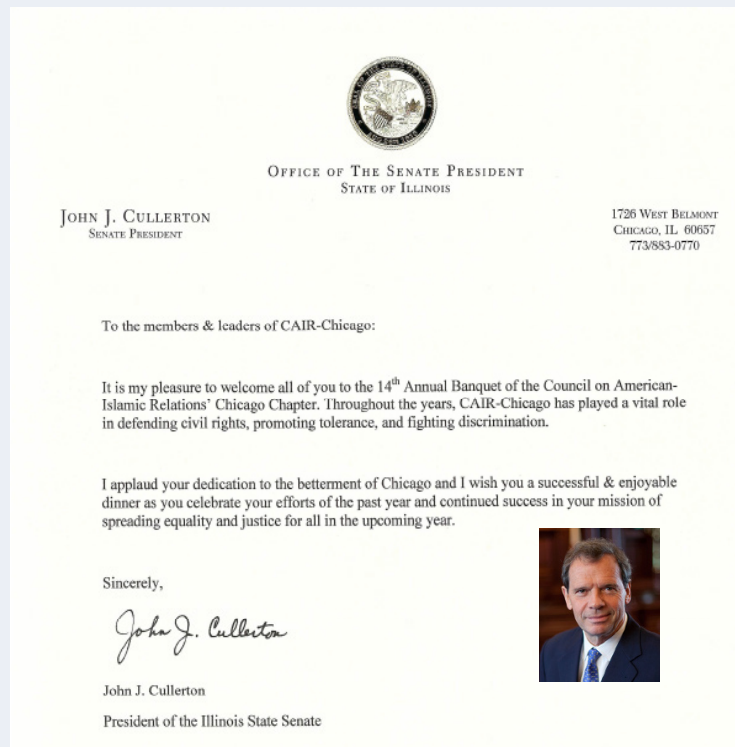
Throughout my career as a public servant, I have prioritized the needs of immigrants and marginalized groups and stand firmly in my belief that it is through supportive coalitions and honest exchange with one another that we can create a just society and ensure dignified treatment for all.

I am honored to share in your celebration and wish you continued success.

In Solidarity,  
*Jesús G. García*  
Jesús G. García  
Cook County Commissioner, 7<sup>th</sup> District







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Council on American-Islamic Relations  
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Greetings!

As the Illinois State Senator in the 20<sup>th</sup> District, I am pleased to welcome everyone gathered for CAIR-Chicago's annual banquet.

CAIR-Chicago's unwavering commitment to helping the Muslim community and protecting civil rights is admirable and inspirational. I encourage you to continue in your mission to create a more equal society for all.

The past year has shown us that the work you do is especially important in our current political climate. Fear and hatred are only growing, and we need groups like yours to constantly respond with kindness and inclusivity. Now is the time to build bridges rather than walls among communities. We must let our residents know that we will not stand for discrimination in Illinois.

I am proud to be a supporter of CAIR-Chicago and am equally proud of the contributions Muslims make in Chicago and throughout Illinois each and every day.

Congratulations on your successes in 2017 and best wishes for the future.

Sincerely,




Iris Y. Martinez  
State Senator, 20<sup>th</sup> Senate District of Illinois  
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**PAMELA J. ALTHOFF**  
STATE SENATOR - 32ND DISTRICT  
REPUBLICAN CAUCUS CHAIR



Mr. Gerald Hankerson  
Council on American-Islamic Relations  
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17 N. State Street, Suite 1500  
Chicago, IL 60602

To members and leaders of CAIR-Chicago:


Please accept this letter of congratulations on CAIR-Chicago's 14<sup>th</sup> years of service in Chicago.

This year's theme "Resistance" is important in consideration of current conditions that reflect discrimination, hatred and suspicion. The City of Chicago is unique in its wonderfully vibrant and diverse population and CAIR members continue to advocate and teach us all to embrace this diversity.

CAIR members' strong commitment to action in educating and empowering the community is necessary in fostering a deeper understanding and respect for the many cultures that are the foundation and strength of our community.

Congratulations to all involved in CAIR-Chicago and it is my hope that 2018 will continue to be a successful year for those who serve and are served by the organization.


Regards,



Pamela J. Althoff  
State Senator, 32<sup>nd</sup> District

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**Jason A. Barickman**  
State Senator

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February 10, 2018



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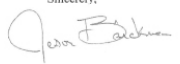
Dear Members and Guests,

I want to sincerely welcome you all to the Council on American-Islamic Relations, Chicago Chapter, 14th Annual Banquet. Congratulations to you on another year of serving the Muslim Community in Chicago. Throughout the years, CAIR-Chicago's promotion of tolerance, understanding, and political empowerment has been vital to the vibrancy and health of our neighborhoods here in Chicago.

CAIR-Chicago facilitates open lines of communication between different cultures and religions. Their efforts encouraging equality, enhancing cultural knowledge, and promoting justice are both admirable and necessary. The work that CAIR-Chicago does for the city and across the nation, not only enriches the Muslim community but also expands productive dialogue between cultures. I thank them for their efforts.

I wish you a successful and enjoyable dinner as you celebrate your efforts. Your dedication to the betterment of Chicago is second to none. Again, congratulations on yet another successful year of serving the Muslim Community and best wishes for a memorable evening.

Sincerely,



Jason A. Barickman  
State Senator

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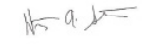

Dear Friends,

Congratulations to the Council on American Islamic Relations - Chicago on their 14th Annual Banquet. This event celebrates another year of CAIR-Chicago advocating for civil rights on behalf of the American Muslim community.

CAIR-Chicago's work has fostered understanding and tolerance within our communities and I commend their innovative campaigns to promote peaceful and productive dialogues that serve as a model for others. CAIR-Chicago's work reminds us that society should never tolerate discrimination.

Please accept my best wishes for a wonderful event and continued success in the future.


Sincerely,

Heather Steans  
State Senator - District 7

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February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018



Dear Friends of CAIR-Chicago,

I am honored to extend my sincere congratulations to CAIR-Chicago on another year of valuable service to communities across Illinois. CAIR-Chicago's work is more necessary than ever. Over the last year, we have seen bigoted policies tear apart families and Islamophobic ideas given vindication and chilling power. Despite these challenges, CAIR-Chicago continues to defend civil rights, promote personal political empowerment and sponsor inclusive community events that strengthen our society.

This year's theme is "Resistance." I commend the organizers on choosing a concept that acknowledges that we will continue to persevere and keep the faith and focus on the work ahead. Fear and its ability to divide us pose a grave threat to our democracy, but CAIR-Chicago remains focused as a model of inclusion and diversity. The work that they do elevates the well-being of the constituents in the 9<sup>th</sup> Senate district and all of the citizens of Illinois.

Congratulations on all your hard work and a successful celebration.


Sincerely,

Daniel Biss  
State Senator, 9<sup>th</sup> District

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January 16, 2018

Ahmed M. Rehab  
Executive Director  
Council on American-Islamic Relations  
Chicago Chapter  
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Chicago, IL 60604




Dear CAIR-Chicago:

I would like to congratulate the Council on American Islamic Relations on its 14th successful year dedicated to protecting the civil rights of Muslims in America. CAIR-Chicago's commitment to continue to educate others regarding the Muslim community needs to be applauded, especially with the strife we are currently experiencing in certain segments of society.

The theme of this year's event, **Resistance**, is appropriate for what is currently happening in America today. We as a community and as a nation have to resist any changes that are occurring in this country that will minimize the rights of any citizen. If we do not resist these changes, we will become compliant and slowly see the erosion of many of our civil and human rights.

May this year bring you even closer to your goal of eliminating discrimination against Muslim-Americans and protecting the rights of Muslim-Americans.


Sincerely,



Napoleon B. Harris III

Illinois State Senate

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January 29, 2018



Dear CAIR Chicago members and guests:

Greetings and congratulations as you commemorate another successful year. The Annual Banquet is a celebration of CAIR Chicago's hard work championing religious freedom and diversity in Chicago and our state.

The current administration is launching a sustained attack on Muslim Americans. Their actions are sowing discrimination and division and are creating a climate of fear in our country. In the midst of all of this, CAIR's mission is invaluable, and I salute you for standing up for the values that make America great.

I wish you a successful evening and look forward to continuing to work with you to make our state a welcoming place for everyone.

Sincerely,

Kwame Raoul  
State Senator, 13<sup>th</sup> District

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February 10, 2018

Ahmed M. Rehab  
Executive Director  
CAIR-Chicago  
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Dear CAIR-Chicago:


*Congratulations on the Council on American-Islamic Relations' 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet!*

Robert Kennedy said, "Each time a man stands up for an ideal or acts to improve the lot of others or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope and, crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring, those ripples build a current that can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance."

I know I am one among many who appreciates the ripples of hope you create through your *vision* for human dignity and civil rights; your *value* on education, expression and advocacy for social justice; and the *voice* you give to those who are vulnerable. Thank you for remaining steadfast against oppression, Thank you for offering hope that celebrates opportunities found only in embracing diversity.


Congratulations, CAIR-Chicago!

Sincerely,



Jacqueline Y. Collins  
State Senator, 16<sup>th</sup> District

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 STATE SENATOR - 22<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT



January 16, 2016

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Dear Friends:

I am honored to congratulate CAIR-Chicago and offer my support to your good work in all of our communities and for being leading advocates for justice and mutual understanding.

I applaud your theme, "Resistance" for the Annual Banquet, and wish you a very successful event. I salute you for celebrating CAIR-Chicago's 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

On behalf of my constituents of Illinois State 22<sup>nd</sup> District, please accept my best wishes for much continued success!

Sincerely yours,



Cristina Castro  
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February 10, 2018

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To Whom It May Concern:


I would like to extend my warmest welcome to those in attendance at CAIR-Chicago's 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet and congratulate the organization's staff and members on another spectacular year. Thank you for the work you do to ensure justice and foster understanding of Chicago's Muslim community throughout the state of Illinois.

Since its inception in 2005, CAIR-Chicago has been a strong advocate for diversity, harmony and tolerance, using dialogue and facts as tools to rise above hatred, inequality and injustice.

CAIR-Chicago's commitment to upholding our nation's values and protecting civil and human rights for all is truly inspiring. I applaud CAIR-Chicago's outstanding work and am confident that the organization and its members will continue to make a positive impact on the lives of Illinois residents for years to come.

Best wishes on a memorable evening and for continued success in the future.


Yours Truly,



Laura Murphy  
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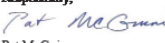
Dear Friends:

As State Senator of the 43<sup>rd</sup> District, I extend my best wishes to all attending CAIR-Chicago's 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet.

The Muslim community is an important part of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Senate District, particularly in Bolingbrook and Romeoville. Through religion, sports, culture, the professions, and business, Muslim Americans add much to the area I am honored to represent.


I congratulate the Council on American-Islamic Relations-Chicago for another successful year. You have my appreciation for your commitment to justice and opportunity for all.

Respectfully,



Pat McGuire  
 State Senator, District 43

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January 11, 2018


Council on American-Islamic Relations  
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Dear Members of CAIR-Chicago, friends and supporters:

Welcome to the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet of the Council on American-Islamic Relations. This year's theme is "Resistance". Resistance is necessary as we confront challenging times. We've seen strangers gather to resist the unjust, in every part of the Country. Your tireless work should not go without mention. It is your work that will bring a brighter future for generations to come.

I am proud to welcome everyone in attendance tonight. Together we will celebrate our diversity! Enjoy your evening to celebrate together!


Sincerely,



David Koehler  
 IL State Senator - 46<sup>th</sup> District

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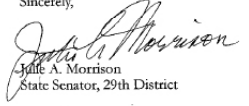
Dear Mr. Rehab,

Congratulations to you and the members of the Council on American-Islamic Relations as you celebrate your 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet.

This year's event's theme, "Resistance," is a timely one given the events of the past year. Your organization's efforts to heal the relationships broken by fear and misunderstanding are to be applauded.

Best wishes for continued success as you advocate for human rights and fight injustice along with all who seek peace.


Sincerely,



Julie A. Morrison  
 State Senator, 29<sup>th</sup> District

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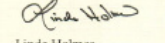
Dear Friends,

I want to congratulate the Council on American-Islamic Relations' Chicago chapter on the occasion of its 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet for all of the incredible work its members have done and continue to do to ensure a peaceful and prosperous place for the Muslim community in American society.

The Illinois Muslim community's efforts to create a dialogue and ease fears, help give a platform to those whose voices have been silenced, defend civil rights and promote peaceful understanding are in keeping with the state's proud tradition of activism for equality, and those efforts are needed now more than ever. I enthusiastically applaud this commitment and offer my support as a lawmaker and a member of the community.

Tonight, I want to again extend my most sincere regards and congratulations. I wish you much success in the year ahead.

Sincerely,



Linda Holmes  
 State Senator - 42<sup>nd</sup> District

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January 9, 2018

Council on American-Islamic Relations  
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Dear Director Rehab:

As I proudly represent Lincolnwood, Morton Grove, Skokie and the 50<sup>th</sup> Ward in the City of Chicago, I would like to welcome all the attendees to this year's Council on American-Islamic Relations' fourteenth Annual Banquet.

Your tireless work on behalf of inclusion and civil rights are invaluable in a world with increasingly less barriers. As Americans, it is essential that we embrace our diversity as a strength that very few countries can match. All of our vigilance is vital to ensure everyone's rights are protected during these very trying times.

I and my colleagues look forward to working with you in the challenging years ahead.


Sincerely,



Louis I. Lang  
 Deputy Majority Leader

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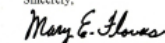
Ahmed M. Rehab  
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Dear Executive Director Rehab:

It is with great honor and pleasure that I offer these words of congratulations to CAIR-Chicago as your organization celebrates its remarkable efforts to uphold a value that ignited our nation's creation, and a force upholding righteousness against adversity during our most dire times by promoting the theme, "Resistance" for 2018.

I encourage your organization to continue resisting hatred, suspicion and ignorance. Thank you for upholding our nation's values and civil and human rights.

Sincerely,



Mary E. Flowers  
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
Mr. Ahmed Rehab  
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Dear Mr. Rehab:

Congratulations to the Council on American Islamic Relations, Chicago Chapter's 14th Annual Banquet and on another successful year in your work to promote equality and civil rights for all.

Over the last 14 years, CAIR has worked to create a more accepting and tolerant society through a deeper understanding of Islam. As a diverse state, we are at our best when we embrace our differences and work together. You have put this ideal into action repeatedly, as an outspoken advocate to pass comprehensive immigration reform and in your dedication to religious freedom in the military.


This year's theme of "Resistance" shows your understanding that our connections with communities, schools, government, law enforcement, and organizations must go beyond feelings of sincerity and good will. We must all work together through advocacy, solidarity and healthy dialogue to work past the fear mongering spreading throughout our nation. Thank you for your continued fight in our nation's quest to ensure civil, and human rights for all and for helping usher in a future that will help our communities come together to respect and appreciate one another's ideas, voices and experiences both here and throughout the world.


Sincerely,  
  
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**JULIANA STRATTON**  
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Greetings!

As State Representative of the 5th District in Illinois, I am thrilled to recognize the efforts of and show my support for the Council on American-Islamic Relations-Chicago. It is my goal to fight for the right for fair treatment and equal opportunity for all Illinoisans and I appreciate the work of CAIR-Chicago to attain equal opportunities for all and to normalize the image of Muslims in the United States.


The theme of this year's banquet is "Resistance!" The very essence of resistance is to take a stand or to oppose an effort. CAIR-Chicago continues to fight for individuals and groups from various backgrounds that deserve equity and opportunity and to push back against all forms of injustice. This is important work to ensure fairness not only in Chicago, but around the world.

I congratulate CAIR-Chicago for their continuous work to level the playing field and bring justice for all. I commend all of you gathered here today in support of these efforts and I'd like to thank you for your sustained resistance! This banquet is an important tradition in recognition of all that CAIR-Chicago does and I extend my best wishes for an inspiring event!

Respectfully,  
  
 Rep. Juliana Stratton

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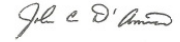
Dear Friends,


It is my pleasure to offer this letter congratulating the Chicago chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR-Chicago) on another successful year of bravely defending civil rights, fighting bigotry, and promoting tolerance.

As the largest organization committed to protecting and promoting the civil rights and liberties of Muslim Americans, CAIR-Chicago has made great strides in engaging all communities to build mutual understanding and trust, and to encourage the creation of a nation that appreciates the ideas, voices, and experiences of all people both here and throughout the world especially after such a tumultuous year. This year's theme of "Resistance" aims to ignite the nation's creation and uphold the righteousness against adversity during the direst of times. People of all races, religions and backgrounds have come together to resist the Muslim ban, protect our healthcare for all, and stand up for all civil and human rights. CAIR-Chicago's theme of "Resistance" teaches us all to advocate and stand against hatred, and to ensure harmony and fairness here and throughout the world.


I am honored to be able to take part by showing my support to all CAIR-Chicago does to continually meeting the challenges in seeking resolution and justice for all. It is groups, like CAIR that prove the future is promised for all through their advocacy, solidarity, and dialogue. It is CAIR that shows and teaches perseverance against negative sentiments that are contrary to the true spirit of this county.

I commend CAIR-Chicago on its ongoing efforts and wish the organization nothing but continued success. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your celebration.

Sincerely,  
  
 John C. D'Amico  
 State Representative



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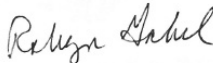
Ahmed M. Rehab  
 Executive Director  
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 17 N. State St., Suite 1700  
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Dear Mr. Rehab,

Congratulations on yet another successful year at CAIR-Chicago. As the nation's largest Muslim civil rights organization, CAIR has been a leader in issues of social justice, tolerance and anti-discrimination policies.

This year's gala theme, Resistance, resonates with me after the political and social events of the past year. It isn't enough to stand on the sidelines and comment on how our society may be adopting our basest impulses as our guide, instead we should be resisting the urge to only look out for ourselves. I am proud of the role that CAIR has played in resisting the impulse to denigrate and degrade, and I look forward to the work that CAIR does in the coming year to help build a more loving and inclusive society here in Chicago.

Again, congratulations on another successful year of promoting and working for social justice and civil rights. I look forward to continuing to work with you, your staff and your organization.


Best regards,  
  
 Robyn Gabel  
 State Representative 18th District



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
I wish to convey my support to the Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR). During these turbulent and difficult times, I believe more strongly than ever in the concept of social justice: the promise that every member of society is deserving of equal economic, political and social rights, extending the unalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness to every child, woman and man.

In Illinois alone, there are distressed communities throughout that struggle with many economic and social problems. We do not need to further these issues with hatred, suspicion and ignorance against those in our communities. Some are calling for the return of state-sanctioned discrimination and selective citizenship, but these are not the values our forefathers envisioned.


We need to open up and talk about the different types of exploitation happening to the vulnerable groups in our society. Advocacy, solidarity, dialogue, and facts against fear-mongering and regression give evidence to why resistance is essential to this country thriving. Such pivotal moments call us to protect our nation's values, to uphold civil and human rights.

I am happy to support the movement of change-makers like CAIR and join them in the spirit of freedom and the vision of spreading social justice and freedom to all. I believe CAIR is a continuous and necessary movement for good.


Please contact me for any further information about this letter at my district office at: 217-782-5962 or email at [repford@lshawnford.com](mailto:repford@lshawnford.com).

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February 10, 2018

Dear Members and Supporters of CAIR Chicago:

Congratulations on a phenomenal year of action in 2017! Despite incredibly trying times, your organization has pushed back against hate and bigotry on behalf of the Muslim community and all those who care about ensuring that all people are treated with dignity and respect. I am personally grateful for the work you do, applaud your tireless efforts and commend your results.


During the course of the year, the Muslim community and the community at large has faced challenge after challenge, but CAIR has been there every step of the way - educating all of us on what resistance looks like.

I look forward to working with you and continuing to support your efforts to make Illinois a welcoming community for all. On behalf of the residents of the 11th District, thank you for the work you have done - and continue to do - toward that end.


Sincerely,  
  
 Ann Williams  
 State Representative - 11th District

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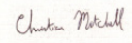
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Dear Friends,

I salute and celebrate you for 14 years the great service CAIR-Chicago provides as citizens.


In lieu of our continued challenges and obstacles, the meaning behind this year's theme of "Resistance" is reflective of steps that one must take to overcome these things. Our citizens are able to do so with your support and commitment. I truly appreciate all of the work you do for the American Muslim community. It is the work and commitment, of your organization, that reflects its resilience in supporting the rights of all Americans. I wish for continued success with your efforts in the community for protection of civil liberties, promotion of justice and mutual understanding.

Congratulations!

Sincerely,  
  
 State Representative Christian Mitchell  
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January 31, 2018


Dear friends and supporters,

On behalf of myself and my office, I would like to welcome all those attending the Chicago Chapter of the Council on American Islamic Relations' 14th Annual Banquet. Muslim Americans are an essential thread in the fabric of my district, our state, and our country. They are friends, serve as teachers, firefighters, police officers, and in the military. We would not be the prosperous country we are today without their contributions.

Now, more than ever, we need to support organizations like CAIR-Chicago. When the voices of the minority are allowed to be silenced, democracy is silenced with it. As Thomas Jefferson once penned, "All too, will bear in mind this sacred principle, that though the will of the majority is in all cases to prevail, that will to be rightful must be reasonable; that the minority possess their equal rights, which equal law must protect, and to violate would be oppression."

On behalf of the 57th District of Illinois, I am honored to support the work of CAIR-Chicago. Their continued efforts will ensure that liberties and freedoms are protected for all Americans, and that will remain a beacon of hope for oppressed people the world over.

Sincerely,  
  
 Jonathan D. Carroll  
 Illinois State Representative | 57th District



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**Margo McDermid**  
State Representative • 37th District



Mr. Ahmed M. Rehab,  
Executive Director  
Council on American-Islamic Relations  
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Dear Mr. Rehab,

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to once again congratulate the Council on American-Islamic Relations for another year of working to foster mutual understanding throughout the Chicagoland community and Illinois.

The United States finds strength in our diversity, while our shared ideals bond us as one nation. Working together is an important aspect of protecting our nation's values, upholding civil and human rights, fostering open dialogue and achieving cooperation among all who desire harmony and justice for all. CAIR-Chicago's pledge to meet these challenges through advocacy, dialogue and facts is truly commendable.

Your organization's work on behalf of the Muslim community is most appreciated. Best wishes for another successful year.

Sincerely,  
*Margo McDermid*

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January 28, 2018

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Dear Mr. Rehab:


This letter is to convey my continued support for the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) and what they stand for: equality and civil rights for all. Every resident of the community has something to gain from working to prevent future violence through education about diverse cultures and religions. Therefore, I believe this year's theme "Resistance" is appropriate for the 14th Annual Banquet celebration.

Congratulations on your 14th Anniversary. You should be very proud of your achievement and I commend you for all of your hard work.

Thank you for your generous time and consideration. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,  
*Jay C. Hoffman*

Jay C. Hoffman  
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Michael M. Cabonargi  
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January 19, 2018

Council on American-Islamic Relations  
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Dear Friends,

I would like to congratulate the Council on American-Islamic Relations on your efforts this past year promoting tolerance and justice for our Muslim Community in Cook County and throughout the region. Over the years, the Council has played an important role in improving the understanding of different cultures and fighting intolerance, bigotry and hatred.

As you celebrate your 14th Annual CAIR-Chicago Banquet, I hope you are proud of your accomplishments this year and look forward to the important work ahead. Our nation was born from resistance and resistance has been a value that has fueled the American experience and safeguarded our constitutional rights since our nation's founding. I applaud your focus on ensuring that our Constitution's guarantee of equal protection to all Americans is honored.

I am happy to celebrate and support your goal of defending civil rights, resisting bigotry, and fostering understanding throughout Chicagoland and I will be with you in this fight. I wish the Council a successful 2018.

Sincerely,  
*Michael M. Cabonargi*

Michael Cabonargi  
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January 18, 2018

Dear Friends:

I would like to extend my congratulations to the Chicago Chapter of CAIR on 14 successful years of advocating for the Illinois Muslim community, while advancing justice and mutual understanding between Muslims and all communities.


This year's theme, "Resistance", is quite fitting given the recent spike in hate incidents and prejudiced rhetoric toward Muslim Americans. Each of us are responsible to do as much as we can to protect our nation's values, but also to uphold civil and human rights. Advocacy, solidarity, dialogue, and facts against hatred and injustice are essential tools for each person to meet this challenge, and CAIR-Chicago continues this important work.

In critical times, our nation and state's great diversity shines strongly to remind us that the future is promising for all people if we come together. I applaud CAIR-Chicago's efforts, and trust they will be one of many that will meet the challenge of defending civil rights, fighting bigotry, and promoting tolerance.

My best wishes for another successful banquet and another successful year.

Sincerely,  
*Brian Hopkins*

Brian Hopkins  
Alderman, 2nd Ward  
City of Chicago



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January 31, 2018

Mr. Ahmed M. Rehab  
Executive Director  
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Dear Mr. Rehab,

Congratulations to the Council on American-Islamic Relations-Chicago Chapter on its 14th Anniversary. The Council's hard work in advancing mutual respect for differing ideas, beliefs, and experiences are greatly appreciated. Your primary goal to promote and defend the constitutional rights of all Americans and to assist those who cannot attain justice themselves is commendable.

Thank you for all that you have done and continue to do in promoting tolerance and peace. Best of luck, and enjoy the banquet.

Sincerely,  
*John P. Daley*

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Cook County Commissioner



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January 19, 2018

Council on American-Islamic Relations, Chicago Chapter  
17 North State Street, Suite 1500  
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Dear Friends,

I am honored to extend my congratulations and support to CAIR-Chicago on the occasion of its 14th Annual Banquet. This is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the positive impact CAIR has on the citizens of Chicago and it is an equally important time to recognize the critical work yet to be done.


With an eye toward promoting social justice and cultural awareness, CAIR's Gala theme for 2018 is Resistance—which represents the growing movement to fight increasing threats of bigotry, intolerance, and discrimination. Now more than ever, it is imperative that we all actively participate in protecting human rights through solidarity, open dialogue, and respect for the diversity of our ideas and beliefs.

We all owe a debt of gratitude to CAIR for the amazing work it does to facilitate mutual understanding among the many different religions and cultures in our city. By defending civil rights, promoting tolerance, and providing Islamic perspective on important issues, CAIR-Chicago continues to enhance understanding of the Islamic religion in one of the most diverse cities in the nation, and we all benefit as a society for the efforts.

I wish you the best for your event and I look forward to working with CAIR-Chicago in its future endeavors.

Sincerely,  
*John A. Fritchey*

John Fritchey  
Cook County Commissioner, 12th District



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January 24, 2018

Ahmed Rehab, Executive Director  
Council on American-Islamic Relations  
Chicago Chapter  
17 North State Street, Suite 1700  
Chicago, IL 60604

Dear Executive Director Rehab,


I would like to congratulate CAIR-Chicago on yet another year of outstanding work on behalf of the residents of the 3rd Ward and the City of Chicago as a whole. The 14th Annual Banquet is certainly an event to celebrate, as it is representative of the efforts of your organization to advance the rights of all people in Chicago.

"Resistance" is a theme that will always carry a special weight for the American people, but these days especially, it speaks to the constant battle for human rights in which concerned citizens - like your members - must engage. As the Chairman of the Committee on Human Relations, it is my job to oversee and review policies that affect the diverse communities that make up Chicago. From this position in City Council, like you, I work every day to make Chicago the best place to live, work and raise a family, no matter your background or culture.

In this era where some people use politics to divide, I appreciate the work CAIR does to bring communities together. Once again, congratulations on your 14th Annual Banquet. Should you ever need something from my office, please feel free to reach out anytime at 773-373-3273.

Sincerely,  
*Pat Dowell*

Pat Dowell  
Alderman, 3rd Ward



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February 2nd, 2017

Dear Friends,


I am writing to extend my congratulations and support to the Chicago Chapter of CAIR on 14 years of service to the Illinois Muslim community and to the people of Illinois. At this time of rising religious and ethnic tensions, I commend CAIR for the tireless work of promoting solidarity and inter-faith dialogue.

This year's theme, "Resilience," is fitting in light of the current challenges facing the nation and the Illinois Muslim community. In the face of those seeking to divide us on the basis of religion, race, and ethnicity, it is important to remember that we are stronger together when we stand in solidarity as one nation united by shared values.

On behalf of the 10th Ward community, I thank you for your service to the people of Illinois.

Sincerely,  
*Susan Sadlowski Garza*

Susan Sadlowski Garza  
Alderdwoman, 10th Ward



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 ALDERMAN, 15th WARD

January 19, 2018



Ahmed M. Rehab  
 Executive Director  
 Council on American-Islamic Relations  
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 Chicago, IL 60604

Dear Friends:

I am happy to support CAIR and your willingness to help work for the freedoms that make our country great.

Diversity is one of the great strengths of our country and everyone should be able to live without prejudice, fear and persecution, whatever the religion or faith that you follow. Working together, we can improve the life chances of all citizens and create a more inclusive and just society.

I will continue to speak out on hate, ignorance and intolerance and will continue to hope and pray with you, for a better world.

I would like to wish you well in your annual banquet, and I applaud your refusal to let our nation's values be deprived of righteousness against adversity.

Sincerely,  
  
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January 19, 2018

**Ahmed M. Rehab**  
 Executive Director  
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Dear Director Rehab,

As Alderman of the 16th Ward, I would like to welcome those who have gathered for the Chicago chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations' Ninth Annual Banquet.

I want to commend the Council on American-Islamic Relations-Chicago for your ongoing commitment to serving the needs of Chicago's Muslim population and for working toward insuring justice and civil rights for all the communities you serve. Your efforts help Muslims integrate into their communities and give them a sense of belonging in this large, multicultural city.

Your commitment to educate the public and foster understanding of diversity within our communities. The work of the Chicago Chapter has had a positive impact on the lives of the many Chicago residents.

Please accept my best wishes for a wonderful event and for much continued success.

Sincerely,  
  
**Alderman Toni L. Faulken**  
 16th Ward



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February 10, 2018

Council on American-Islamic Relations  
 Chicago Chapter  
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Dear Friends,

As Alderman of the 30th Ward, I am honored to welcome you to the Council on American-Islamic Relations 14th Annual Banquet. I want to congratulate the Council for its prosperous work on continuing to uphold civil rights and equality in our community.


This year's event themed "Resistance" is quite fitting for this challenging time. Robert Kennedy once said, "Each time a man stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring, those ripples build a current that can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance." This quote still holds true.

Congratulations and best wishes to the Council on your 14th Annual Banquet.

Sincerely,  
  
 Ariel E. Reboyras  
 Alderman, 30th Ward



"One Ward One Community"



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January 12, 2018

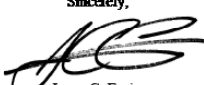
**Council on American-Islamic Relations**  
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Dear CAIR-Chicago Chapter:

As Alderman of the 28th Ward, I want to take this opportunity to congratulate the Council on American-Islamic Relations Chicago Chapter on 14 dynamic years of advocating for Muslim-Americans, as well as promoting dialogue and partnerships with other communities along the way.


The event's theme, "Resistance", speaks volumes to the job ahead of all of us. I commend CAIR-Chicago for remaining in the forefront of upholding advocacy, solidarity and factual dialogue, giving credence to why resistance is essential to this country thriving.

There is plenty of work still to be done and I know that CAIR-Chicago is more than up for the challenge. Again, congratulations on your 14 years of success.

Sincerely,  
  
 Jason C. Ervin  
 Alderman, 28th Ward



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January 29, 2018

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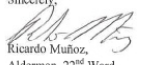
Dear Friends of CAIR-Chicago:


As Alderman of the 22nd Ward of the City of Chicago, it is my pleasure to congratulate CAIR on their 14th annual banquet. Thank you for your continued work and dedication in defending immigrant communities across the City of Chicago.

This past year we saw CAIR take the lead on so many important issues. Whether their defense of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, or challenging the illegal Muslim ban with direct action at Chicago's O'Hare Airport. All of CAIR's work and accomplishments this past year have helped build the movement to stand up to the attacks on immigrant communities.

It is important to stop and reflect on all the work that has been accomplished this year. However, the theme of this year's banquet "Resistance 3.0," makes me look to the future. In what new ways can we organize and mobilize immigrant communities? In what new ways can we build stronger bridges between communities based in solidarity and commitment? In this current political climate many communities are finding themselves under attack. Yet, in what new ways are we going to challenge that attack? In "Resistance 3.0" we recognize the work that has been done. However, there is much work still to be done.

I look forward to standing with your organization, in support of your work to guarantee civil rights, equality and respect for all. Again, I congratulate CAIR for their success and hard work.

Sincerely,  
  
 Ricardo Muñoz,  
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Council on American-Islamic Relations  
 Chicago Chapter

February 1, 2018

Dear Friends:

On behalf of my constituents and the people of Chicago, I stand with you today to show my strong support for the members of our Muslim families in Chicagoland and throughout the United States. Our leaders must stand together to reject it and denounce anti-Muslim bigotry.

Hate crimes have spiked drastically since the 2016 presidential election. Xenophobic and racist rhetoric, as well as calls for horrendous public policies based on religious discrimination are very much a reality. Now, more than ever, it is important to stand up against hate in our communities. You have my commitment to continue to work with your organization to stand against and condemn Islamophobia and anti-Muslim sentiments, hate speech, and violence. I, and the rest of the Chicago City Council Progressive Caucus, share CAIR's mission of peace and solidarity, and will continue to fight for civil rights and against bigotry.

In 2017, hundreds of Local Progress leaders throughout the U.S. signed a letter rejecting hate and anti-Muslim bigotry. Part of that letter I signed stated, "We are on your side. We see the richness and beauty of your lives and we know that America cannot thrive unless you do. We vow to use our positions as elected leaders to stand up against anti-Muslim bigotry, against xenophobia, against hatred, and against oppression. We vow to promote local laws and policies that advance equity and value diversity. We vow never to use fear as a political tactic and never to succumb to fear as political pressure. We vow to work to fulfill the aspiration of our nation's founding, in partnership with you, and against all those who would demonize or silence you."

Fighting hate and promoting inclusion and respect is the effort we will continue to foster. I look forward to working with CAIR in this new year and to building on the accomplishments and strength of CAIR's goals.

Yours very truly,  
  
 Scott E. Waguespack  
 City of Chicago




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January 23, 2018


Council on American-Islamic Relations  
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Dear Friends,

I am honored to join with my fellow elected officials in welcoming you to the 14th Annual Banquet celebrating the success of CAIR Chicago. The spectacular event honors and recognizes the many contributions of the Council on American-Islamic Relations. Each and every day, they are on the front lines in the fight to protect civil rights and promote diversity, understanding, and respect for all. This challenge is as great now as it has ever been, and we are thankful to have an organization such as CAIR that has the passion, experience, and determination to meet this challenge.

The 33rd Ward is home to one of the most diverse populations in Chicago. Part of celebrating our diversity is recognizing the important responsibility that comes with protecting it. To that end, I am so grateful to have a partner like CAIR to help me in my advocacy.

Sincerely,  
  
 Alderman Deborah Mell  
 33rd Ward

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**CARRIE M. AUSTIN**  
 ALDERMAN, 34TH WARD

January 30, 2018


Ahmed M. Rehab  
 Executive Director  
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 Chicago, Illinois 60604


Dear Director Rehab,

As Alderman of the 34th Ward and on behalf of Chicago residents, greetings and congratulations to the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR-Chicago) as you celebrate your "14th Annual Banquet, themed "Resistance". I support and commend the efforts of all who continue to promote peace and justice for the Illinois Muslim community as well as advance a broader cultural awareness and understanding across this great city and nation.

Further, this year's theme "Resistance", the refusal to accept or comply with something, holds to our country's values when it comes to discriminatory practices against any race, gender, religion or ethnic background. In this ever changing political landscape, it is our civic responsibility to identify all levels of injustice everywhere and endeavor to correct and annihilate divisiveness. I applaud CAIR-Chicago for seeing "Resistance" as an innate human quality to ensure harmony and fairness here and throughout the world.

Again, congratulations on celebrating another successful year. Your hard work and progressive determination to protect our nation's values and to uphold civil and human rights is truly appreciated. God bless your mission!

Sincerely,  
  
 Alderman Carrie M. Austin  
 Chairman



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January 31, 2018

Dear Friends:


Warm greetings to all my sisters and brothers gathered for the Council on American-Islamic Relations - Chicago's 14th Annual Banquet.

To resist in an era of hatred and fear is to stand in the face of adversity and hold firm to our freedoms and rights.

Since its founding, CAIR - Chicago has always been at the forefront of defending the civil rights guaranteed by our U.S. Constitution. I am proud to stand in solidarity with CAIR - Chicago and my Muslim sisters and brothers everywhere in their efforts to protect our civil liberties and to resist inequities and hate.

Together, we will resist hatred, fight injustice and create a more just and egalitarian world for all of God's children.

Congratulations on your 14th Annual Banquet. On behalf of the 55,000 residents of Chicago's Thirty-Fifth Ward, I wish you many more years of success.



Warm regards,  
*Carlos Ramirez-Rosa*  
Carlos Ramirez-Rosa  
Alderman, Thirty-Fifth Ward  
City of Chicago

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January 17, 2018

Council on American-Islamic Relations  
Chicago Chapter  
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Dear Friends of CAIR-Chicago:

I am pleased to support CAIR-Chicago in its 14<sup>th</sup> year of service to the Muslim community in Illinois. I'm very proud of your accomplishments and commitment to engage all communities in building mutual understanding and trust.

I respect your willingness to work with individuals, organizations and communities of diverse backgrounds. The events theme, "Resistance" continues to exemplify where we are as a nation in this current day and time. We're sought to be the example of achieving greatness through genuine appreciation for one another's existence, voices, ideas, experiences, and potential. If we come together to take up this challenge, we will achieve excellence and go far in life.

CAIR-Chicago has benefited many community members, leaders and elected officials through dialogue, facts, and empowerment. Working together in solidarity for everyone's civil rights ensures we can guarantee equality and respect for all.

Therefore, with full confidence, I support CAIR-Chicago and give my favorable consideration on behalf of the residents of this city's 37<sup>th</sup> Ward.

Sincerely,  
*Emma Mitts*  
Emma Mitts  
Alderman, 37<sup>th</sup> Ward

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January 29, 2018


Dear Friends,

I want to extend my congratulations and warm greetings to CAIR-Chicago on the occasion of their 14th Annual Banquet. The event's theme of "Resistance" reminds us that we must actively work to protect our common values. We cannot become complacent in the face of bigotry or hatred, and must join together to continue advancing an agenda for the common good. Fostering a feeling of unity across communities in the United States will strengthen our country and serve as a barrier to those seeking to divide people by race, class, and geography. While progress may take time, I know that CAIR-Chicago will continue to work toward improving our city, state, and country.

Since its establishment, CAIR has been a leader in the fight against mistrust and alienation of Muslim Americans. As we confront new challenges, I am confident that CAIR will continue to be at the forefront of defending the rights of all Americans against any actions that threaten our freedom. I am heartened by the continued work of CAIR in Chicago and look forward to working with you to ensure that all are protected from injustice.

I wish CAIR-Chicago all the best, and hope that your 14th Annual Banquet is a tremendous success.

Sincerely,  
*Ameya Pawar*  
Ameya Pawar  
Alderman, 47<sup>th</sup> Ward



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Mr. Ahmed M. Rehab  
Executive Director  
CAIR-Chicago  
17 N. State Street, Suite 1500  
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Dear Friends:

As Alderman of the 49<sup>th</sup> Ward, I would like to welcome the attendees of the Council of American-Islamic Relations to the fourteenth annual banquet, and to extend my congratulations on years of fighting discrimination and promoting tolerance in the Chicagoland community. Muslim-Americans have made tremendous contributions to the 49<sup>th</sup> Ward and CAIR-Chicago has advocated for Muslim-Americans across the City.

The theme of this banquet, "Resistance" aligns with CAIR-Chicago's mission of continually fighting for equality, educating to eliminate ignorance, and promoting tolerance for everyone. At a time when our standards of inclusion are under attack, I believe the good work of CAIR-Chicago is even more important than ever. I look forward to working together for years to come.

The residents of the 49<sup>th</sup> Ward wish you the best as you celebrate and rededicate your efforts. We hope for your continued success in helping Chicago become a more tolerant and inclusive community for Muslims and non-Muslims alike.

Sincerely,  
*Joseph A. Moore*  
Joe Moore



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January 12, 2018

Council on American-Islamic Relations  
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Dear Friends,


On behalf of myself, and the constituents of the 44th Ward of Chicago, I would like to extend sincere congratulations to the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) for their continued work as a leading advocate for justice and mutual understanding.

This year's theme "Resistance" is certainly topical, as many communities find themselves and their values under siege. It's important that we all commit to amplifying our unified voices to find common ground and stand together in the face of those who seek to divide us.

I'm proud to support the work of CAIR, protecting and advocating civil rights, promoting cultural exchange, and highlighting the differences of all people, making America the diverse country we are proud to live in.

Wishing success at the 14th Annual Banquet and continued achievements as vital community partners in Chicago.

Sincerely,  
*Thomas Tunney*  
Thomas Tunney  
44<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman



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**JAMES CAPPLEMAN**  
ALDERMAN, 46th WARD


Council on American-Islamic Relations  
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Dear Friends,

Congratulations to the Council on American-Islamic Relations for another productive year. In a time when the need for resistance and advocacy has proven dire, CAIR-Chicago has answered that call with its exceptional and relentless work fighting for justice and empowerment. This important work not only supports the Muslim Community, but provides the framework for critical conversations in our neighborhood and beyond.

I welcome all in attendance tonight at the banquet. Let us take this special time to celebrate CAIR-Chicago and the work we all have ahead of us.

Sincerely,  
*James Cappleman*  
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Alderman, 46<sup>th</sup> Ward



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David J. Kaptain  
MAYOR

February 1, 2018

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Dear Friends:

Please accept my best wishes for your 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet celebrating yet another successful year fulfilling your mission to defend civil rights, fight bigotry and promote tolerance.

The event theme this year is "Resistance". It serves to remind us that this human quality is essential to ensure harmony and fairness and uphold righteousness against adversity in our communities. Your commitment to your mission is to be commended. The best weapons against hate and bigotry are communication and education.

I wish you continued success in your mission and offer my assistance in welcoming your members to the Elgin community.

Sincerely,  
*David J. Kaptain*  
David J. Kaptain  
Mayor, City of Elgin



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February 10, 2018

Mr. Ahmed M. Rehab  
17 N. State St.  
Suite 1500  
Chicago, IL, 60602


Dear Director Rehab,

Congratulations to the Chicago Chapter of the Council on American Islamic Relations for your 14th annual banquet and to the national organization for another year of distinguished and respectable work.

Thank you for your leadership to ensure that all voices are heard and all people are respected. The mission of CAIR is true to the spirit of this country and your efforts are meaningful and imperative considering recent events. Thank you for continuing to promote justice, dialogue, diversity, and respect.


Best wishes as you teach the nation to reject hate, welcome diversity, and promote cultural awareness.

Sincerely,  
*Pete Buttigieg*  
Pete Buttigieg  
Mayor



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January 31, 2018


Ahmed M. Rehab  
Executive Director  
Council on American-Islamic Relations  
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Chicago, IL 60604




Dear Director Rehab,

Thank you for the opportunity to write a letter of support for your work to ensure justice and foster understanding. Now more than ever, diverse communities like Evanston rely on CAIR-Chicago to advocate for the marginalized, protect civil liberties, and ensure that all individuals in our country are treated fairly with dignity and respect. My thanks go to everyone who is attending the 14<sup>th</sup> annual CAIR-Chicago banquet in support of your organization's outstanding efforts.

On behalf of the City of Evanston, congratulations on a phenomenal past year and best wishes for the future. You are helping the entire Chicagoland area with what I am sure will be a successful event and another memorable year working towards peace and progress.

Sincerely,  
  
Stephen H. Hagerty  
Mayor

  
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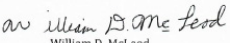
January 2018

To the members, guests, family & friends of the Council on American-Islamic Relations;


Please accept my congratulations to the members of the Council on American-Islamic Relations, Chicago Chapter (CAIR) on your 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet celebrating your success in ensuring justice for the embattled in our communities and to foster understanding throughout greater Chicagoland and Illinois.

"Resistance", the theme of this year's banquet, is timely and pivotal in today's world. I'm pleased to see the CAIR-Chicago community continue to educate the masses through peaceful and thoughtful events that invite people of all races and religious affiliations to the table. On-going conversations about tough issues are critical and I applaud you all for the work you are doing to bring others together.

Thank you again for your exemplary efforts to make a difference in all of our communities and best wishes for many more years of successful service!


Sincerely,  
  
William D. McLeod  
Mayor

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Tuesday, January 16, 2018

CAIR-Chicago  
Attn: Mr. Ahmed M. Rehab  
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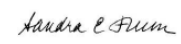


Dear Mr. Rehab:


Congratulations on an outstanding 2017 as CAIR-Chicago continued the vital work of ensuring justice in Muslim communities throughout the Chicagoland area and Illinois.

Please accept my best wishes, along with those of the Village Board of Trustees, for a successful 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet! This year's banquet theme - "Resistance" - highlights the importance of community engagement and involvement. It reminds our society of the power we have to resist discrimination, hatred, and inequality. CAIR-Chicago embodies the strength and value of resistance.


Again, congratulations to CAIR-Chicago and best wishes in 2018.

Sincerely,  
  
Sandra E. Frum  
Village President

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January 30, 2018




Greetings!

On behalf of the Village of Glendale Heights, I would like to congratulate the Council on American-Islamic Relations, Chicago Chapter's 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet celebration.

A promising future is guaranteed when we all come together to respect and appreciate one another's ideas, voices, and experiences - both here and throughout the world.

As Village President of the Village of Glendale Heights, please accept my sincere best wishes at the 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of CAIR Chicago Annual Banquet. This year's event theme is "Resistance" - to resist hatred, suspicion, and ignorance against anyone, ensuring harmony and fairness here and throughout the world. I am honored to know that you are working towards these sentiments, resulting in measurable actions that are effective against hatred and injustice. Amid significant historical moments and reflections in our nation's quest to ensure civil and human rights for all, I am proud that your chapter is taking on this goal of making the most for our next decade of defending civil rights, fighting bigotry, and promoting tolerance.

Thank you for your hard work and motivation to make a difference in this world. I look forward to the success of your event, and that the success of your goal is even greater!

Sincerely,  
  
Linda Jackson  
Village President

The Village of Glendale Heights strives to improve the quality of life for all of its residents and commits to serve, protect and provide a high standard of services and programs through the cooperative efforts of its residents, businesses, employees and elected officials.

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VILLAGE OF ROSEMONT

Dear Friends,

Congratulations and best wishes for a successful annual banquet and meeting at Drury Lane, on Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>.

This event marks the 14<sup>th</sup> year of CAIR's celebration of the faith and ideals that are central to your organization. Your intense dedication and heightened social consciousness have helped many people seeking justice and enlightened information.

Your marvelous quest is a worthy one. Your courage and tenacity are palpable as you seek to inspire both the Muslim community here, and the general American public, also, through education and understanding. Such activity enriches American culture, bringing people together in growth and progress.

It's one thing to have knowledge, but the ability to foster understanding is the true challenge.


You have outstanding speakers and celebrities in attendance, and all the makings for a wonderful event.

We toast you and, once again, wish you a successful banquet.

Best wishes,  
  
Mayor Bradley A. Stephens  
Village of Rosemont, Illinois




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January 31, 2018

Members & Leaders of CAIR-Chicago  
17 North State Street  
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Members & Leaders of CAIR-Chicago:

The Village of Morton Grove would once again like to congratulate the Council on American Islamic Relations on the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet and Anniversary.

"Resistance" is an appropriate theme because of the force upholding righteousness against adversity during dire times and highlights the progress that has been made in the eradication of hatred, violence, intimidation, bullying, and injustice in our country and throughout the world. As you may know, Morton Grove is a diverse community that continues to grow in its understanding of the diverse cultures and religious groups that reside within its corporate limits. With American values of justice and equality as a foundation we will continue to build on our forefather's vision of a future filled with peace and prosperity for all.

May this year's event and all future well guided work bring about respect and an appreciation for new ideas and visions for the future as we all move forward to a brighter tomorrow.

Sincerely,  
  
Daniel P. DiMaria  
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January 11, 2018

Mr. Ahmed M. Rehab, Executive Director  
Council on American-Islamic Relations-Chicago Chapter  
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Dear Mr. Rehab:

It is my pleasure, as President of the Village of Oak Brook, to extend a hearty welcome to the members of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), Chicago Chapter on to the Oak Brook area!

I applaud your organizations mission of enhancing communication among communities. Diversity is one of the great strengths of the country and we should embrace it. Your focus on Civil Rights issues, speaking out against actions and statements that sacrifice those liberties is commendable.


Congratulations on a great year and best wishes for another successful event.

Sincerely,  
  
Gopal G. Lalmalani, MD., M.B.A.  
Village President

  
Village of Hanover Park  
Administration

February 10, 2018

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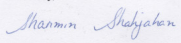


AsalaamuAlaikum (may peace be upon you) Friends,

Welcome to CAIR-Chicago's 14th Annual Banquet. CAIR-Chicago's invaluable dedication to serving not just Muslim Americans but to its outreach and commitment to Chicagoland elected officials, law enforcement, and media is vital to strengthening our community.

Hanover Park had the pleasure of partnering with CAIR-Chicago in September 2012 to educate our community on the critical contribution of Muslim Americans in building the United States from its inception. This joint effort provided a unique space for people of all walks of life to come together to clarify stereotypes and build trust.

Additionally, in November 2016, Mr. Rehab joined Hanover Park's Cultural Inclusion & Diversity Committee's discussion on social media's influence in shaping perspectives. He, along with our other panelists, shared constructive ideas to create a safe and supportive environment for all residents to engage with each other. We thank CAIR-Chicago for their collaboration in promoting mutual respect and understanding. CAIR-Chicago's devotion to advocacy, outreach and protecting civil liberties is deeply valued and I wish them all the best in the coming year.

Sincerely,  
  
Sharmin Shahjahan  
Village Trustee

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We all have something valuable to learn from and inspire within each other, and InshAllah (God willing), we continue to be granted the opportunity to do so. CAIR-Chicago thanks all the volunteers, interns and staff who have given their time and effort to the advancement of the Muslim Community, CAIR-Chicago, and social justice, and encourages continued involvement in the years to come.

### SUPPORT US

CAIR-Chicago is an eligible recipient of Zakat. As always, your donations to CAIR-Chicago are tax deductible.

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- Make a general donation at [cairchicago.org/donate](http://cairchicago.org/donate)
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- **Volunteer** with us at [cairchicago.org/volunteer-center](http://cairchicago.org/volunteer-center)
- **Participate** in one of our many events, rallies, workshops and Annual Banquet

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