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FEATURED I

“Individual success is easy. Community success can only come about with strong institutions.”

-Executive Director Ahmed Rehab



Ahmed Rehab
Executive
Director

Opposite Top: Executive Director Ahmed Rehab and Outreach Coordinator Gerald Hankerson pose with Universal HS students at the 2019 Muslim Youth Leadership Symposium (MYLS) in Bridgeview, Illinois.

Opposite Bottom: Executive Director Ahmed Rehab speaks to Universal HS students at the 2019 Muslim Youth Leadership Symposium in Bridgeview, Illinois.

In sixteen years of service, CAIR-Chicago has handled almost **5,900** civil rights cases of anti-Muslim discrimination, negotiated over **\$1.75 million** directly for clients, conducted **1,579** mainstream media interviews receiving over **20,300** mentions, and graduated **886** interns.

With the grace of God, CAIR-Chicago continued to build on its successes over the course of 2019.

We remain active as **the first line of defense for members of our community when confronted with anti-Muslim bigotry, whether it be an individual subjected to a violation of rights, a mosque subjected to vandalism or discriminatory permit denials, travelers subjected to unfair restrictions, or our community subjected to false narratives of Islamophobia.**

During 2019, we handled **388** civil rights cases, resolved **228** cases to the benefit of our clients including citizenship delay and employment discrimination cases. 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.

2019 civil rights projects included the **Anti-Bullying Project** for schools, the **Citizenship Project** where we helped dozens of clients obtain relief after long delays or denials, and where we successfully filed suit against USCIS to obtain records showing delays in processing times for certain immigration applications based on country of origin.

They also included our **Employment Discrimination Project** where we assist Muslims who lost their jobs, or were denied jobs, due to simply being Muslim, through arbitration or litigation; and the **FBI Project** where we attend every FBI question to any Muslim who calls us to make sure that their rights are protected.

CAIR-Chicago's **TAP service (Traveler Assistance Project)**, the first of its kind, one stop service that connects at-risk travelers with attorneys through a streamlined front-end system, is the only one still fully operational nationwide, now implemented as an **24/7, emergency hotline and standalone website**. In 2019, **280** travelers were helped by CAIR-Chicago attorneys. Since the first Muslim Ban, over **1,000** travelers have been assisted. Over **500** attorneys are registered in the TAP database ready to mobilize.

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 marginalization, scapegoating and vilification. In 2019, we continued to ensure that Muslims had a seat at local and national alliances and coalitions that serve our civil rights defense agenda.

In 2019, CAIR-Chicago continued its **wide outreach as a face of the Muslim community**. Our staff gave guest lectures, keynote speeches, commencement speeches, and participated in panel discussions at dozens of universities and public schools, businesses, and community organizations throughout Illinois and the Midwest.

Our **Know Your Rights** workshops helped community members learn what rights they were entitled to and how to protect them, and our **Cultural Sensitivity Training** workshops helped government agencies, universities, and employers learn more about the nuances of Muslim culture and practices, and how to differentiate between fact and fiction.

In 2019, our representatives brought a Muslim perspective dozens of times to media networks including CNN, FOX News, MSNBC, WGN, ABC CBS, NBC, ABC, WTTW, TRT and NPR among other networks; 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** news site supported by CAIR-Chicago continues to provide alternative media coverage with community perspectives and a newly launched **podcast** service. We also launched a new in-house fully-functional **multi-media studio** that will help us generate original content.

In summary, CAIR-Chicago continues to be **our community's only institutional civil rights defense and advocacy organization**, both in terms of shaping public opinion and providing free legal representation. Our headquarters, located 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 2019, and a look at dozens of letters of support from our elected officials!

Remember to visit **cairchicago.org** for our full archives on 16 years of service. We hope that you will continue to support us!

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



OUR MISSION

“We will **always** be rooted in advocacy, empowerment, & fighting bigotry.”

SUFYAN SOHEL, DEPUTY DIRECTOR

CREDIBILITY

Gain the trust and respect of all involved

CONSISTENCY

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

PROACTIVITY

Create programs that predict and pre-emptively challenge potetential problems.

OMNIPRESENCE

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

FOCUS

Well-defined problem areas and solutions.

TRANSPARENCY

What you see is what you get.

EFFICIENCY

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

EGALITARIANISM

Treat everyone equally with dignity and respect.

ACCESSIBILITY

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

SINCERITY

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

PROFESSIONALISM

Objective and presentable.

16 YEARS OF **IMPACT** / 16 YEARS OF **SERVICE** / 16 YEARS OF **CAIR-CHICAGO**

musing about the decade



THINKING
OF THE PAST
10
YEARS

It was Fall of 2009. I was starting my second year of law school at DePaul University, having just returned from a summer learning about International Human Rights in Costa Rica and advocating for the rights of women in Egypt. I was 27, idealistic, and ready to change the world. I walked into the offices of CAIR-Chicago and have not looked back.

Over the past decade, I have worked in CAIR-Chicago's Civil Rights, Development, and Executive Departments, met with Presidential candidates, Senators, and Congressmen, worked on several of our biggest legal cases, and oversaw all of our Muslim Ban initiatives (including our still running 24/7 hotline). I protested and marched, stood in solidarity with countless allies, held vigil to honor lives lost to hate and violence, and worked with amazing community partners to pass impactful pieces of legislation. I spoke on numerous panels discussing hate and collaborative advocacy, trained thousands of community members on their rights, and mentored numerous high school, college, and law students both within the walls of our office and in spaces around the greater Chicagoland area.

I have witnessed our transformation from a Muslim organization focused

on fighting bigotry and promoting tolerance to a civil rights organization whose incredible team uses our Islamic values to combat hate facing all communities. From the days of scouring newspapers looking for anti-Muslim bias and fighting for seats at certain tables, we have grown to regularly being immersed in dialogue with academics and policy makers, influencing legislation, and leading city and statewide initiatives to protect the rights of travelers, immigrants, and marginalized communities. Our legal work has expanded from immigrant rights and employment discrimination to include anti-bullying movements, student advocacy, prisoner rights, and law enforcement/government agency profiling and discrimination. We created *The Chicago Monitor*, an independent news source that offers original perspectives on social and civil rights issues, and the Travelers Assistance Project, utilizing the passionate energy and skills of hundreds of attorneys and allies in protecting the rights of travelers affected by the Muslim Ban.

Most significantly, I have been blessed to call hundreds of the most remarkable civil rights activists - from all corners of the world - my friends and colleagues, and work alongside them to fight for the civil rights of my Muslim community. The dozens of staff and hundreds of

interns who have committed a part of their professional and collegiate lives to CAIR-Chicago have gone on to create their own nonprofits, work in government, start businesses, produce films, save lives as doctors, become partners in law firms, and continue to be voices for marginalized communities. Our people have always been our strongest asset and we are so proud to all those who shared a part of their lives with us and who continue to honor CAIR-Chicago with their continued advocacy and support.

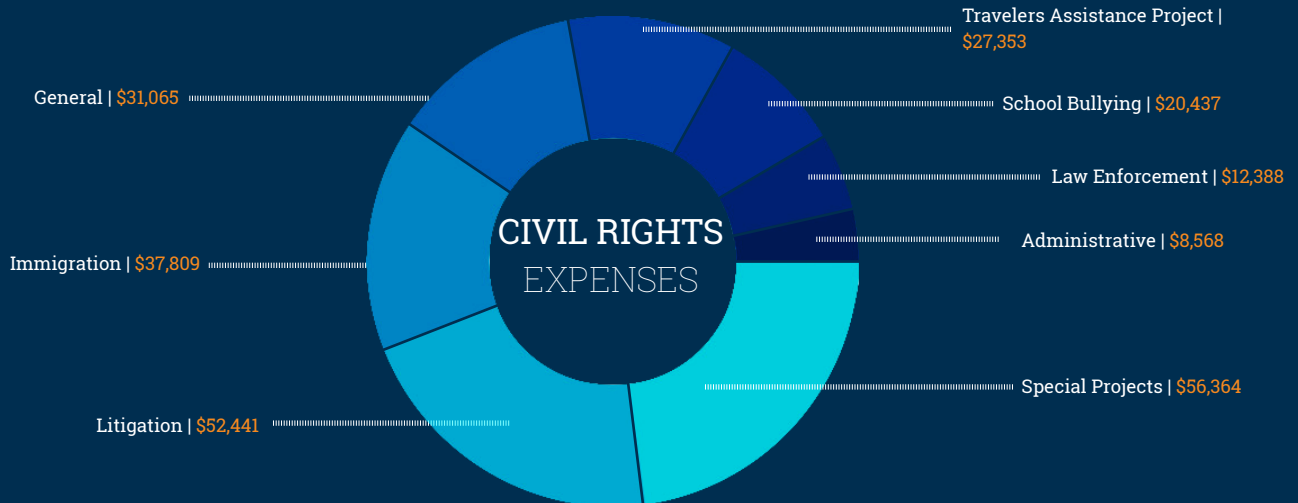
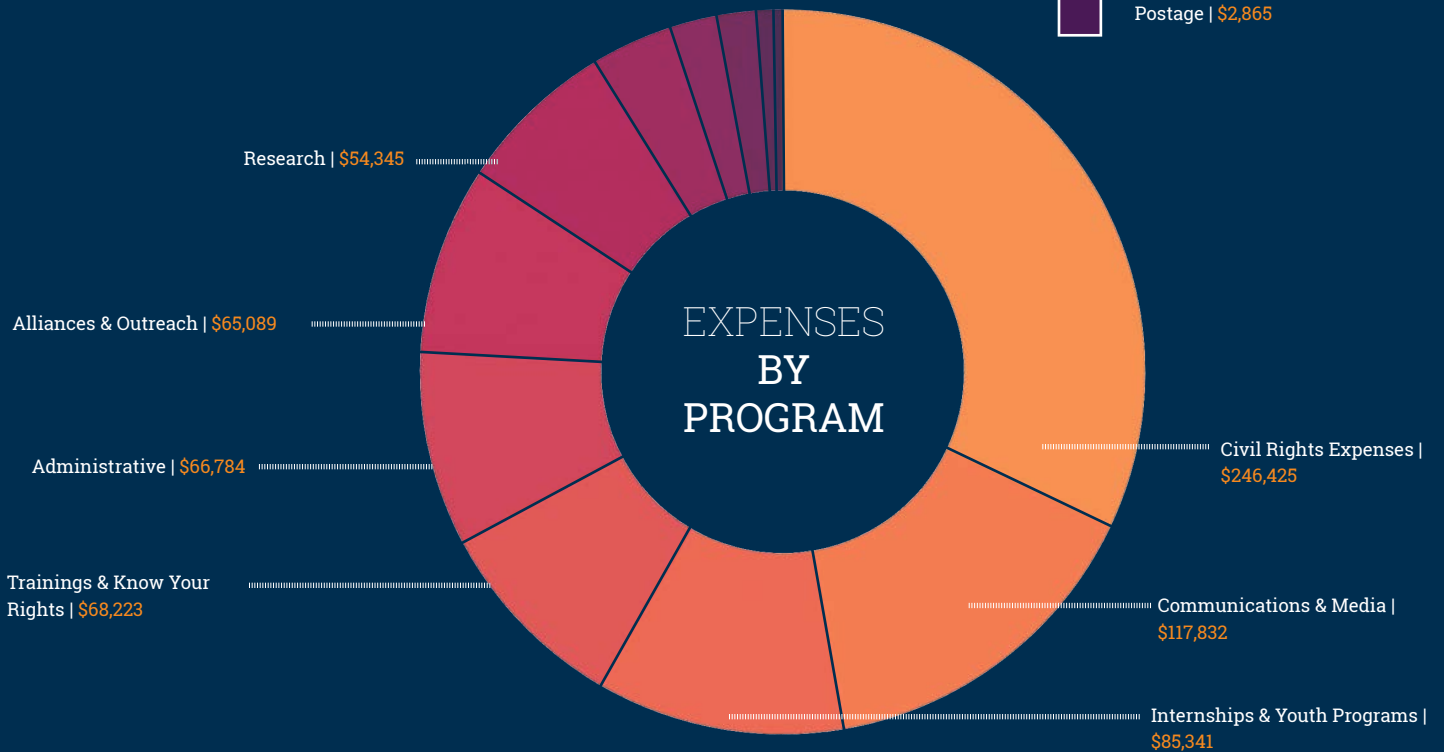
It is now 2020, and perhaps the most critical year of our existence. With hate on the rise and so many communities at risk, I look back to where we were and where we are headed, as an organization, as a community, and as a nation. It is time to take Action. If our growth, self-awareness, and ability to meet the civil rights needs of our community over the past decade are any prediction of our future, I am hopeful for the CAIR-Chicago to come.

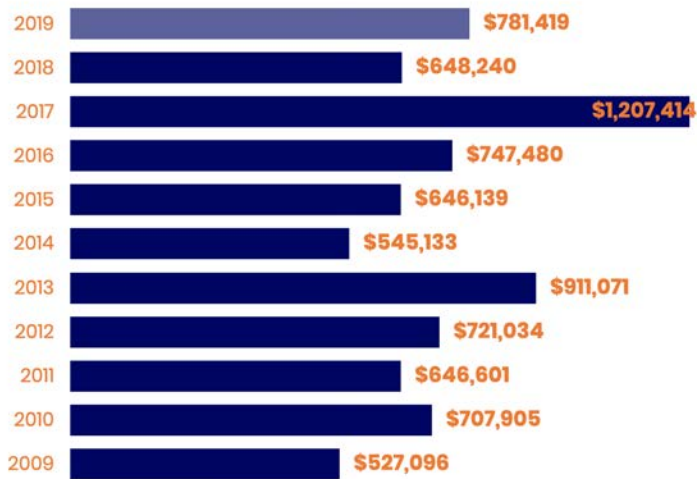
Sufyan Sohel, Deputy Director

FINANCIAL BREAKDOWN

Community Support: CAIR-Chicago is 100% local and **community-funded.**

- Accounting Fees | \$28,249
- Contract Services | \$16,100
- Office Supplies & Expenses | \$13,100
- Travel & Meetings | \$6,357
- Postage | \$2,865





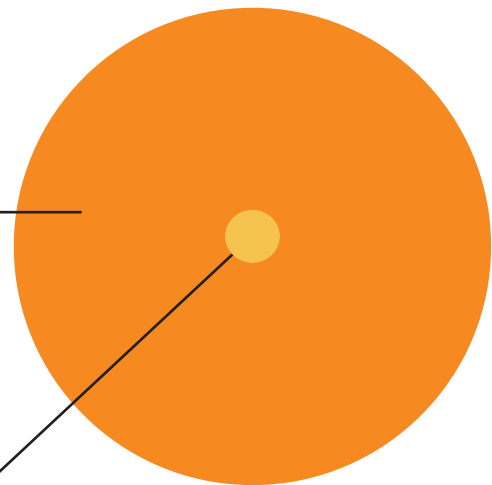
total income
over the past
decade

\$781,491
total income for 2019

source of income

Direct Public Support | \$735,844

Legal Proceeds | \$45,575





CIVIL RIGHTS

A year of action // A DECADE OF IMPACT

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"The world truly
is made up of two
kinds of people--
talkers and do-ers.
We're do-ers."
-Phil Robertson, Litigation
Director

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 on them. Law clerks and interns assist our attorneys in several projects **that highlight distinct civil rights issues**. Our work ranges from **fighting** citizenship delays to **securing** the rights of Muslims to practice freely in the public sphere, whether it be at schools, places of employment, prisons, or other institutions.

TRAVEL>>In 2019, CAIR-Chicago continued to represent Muslim travelers who were mis-treated during their air flights, either due to their religion or their national origin. The CRD helps travelers get their complaints heard by the airlines.

In addition to TAP, CAIR-Chicago attorneys assist Muslim travelers who have had issues of being detained and interrogated at airports and border checkpoints across the United States. The legal team helps them file complaints with TSA, Homeland Security, and Customs and Border Protection. The CRD is also preparing a further challenge to government watch-lists, such as the No-Fly list.

CAIR-Chicago's lawyers are leading the way in effectively preserving the civil and human rights of Muslim travelers through its proposed Port of Entry Bill of Rights, which would affect travel globally by allowing travelers certain fundamental rights.

EMPLOYMENT>>In 2019, the CAIR-Chicago legal team continued to litigate a case brought on behalf of a Muslim police officer who was terminated by the North Chicago Police Department in retaliation for complaining about the constant harassment he endured from his fellow officers and supervisors regarding his religion and Iranian national origin.

Attorneys settled an employment discrimination case with G4S Security on behalf of a Muslim man who was forced to choose between attending Friday prayers or keeping the security job, salary, and position which he had for the past 13 years.

On behalf of a Muslim pharmacist who was discriminated at work due to his religion and Egyptian nationality, CAIR-Chicago lawyers brought an action in Federal Court in 2017 challenging his termination by a hospital. The case was appealed in 2019 and is now before the Seventh Circuit.

CAIR-Chicago often assists Muslim employees who have matters pending before the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the Illinois Department of Human Rights.

IMMIGRATION>>In 2019, CAIR-Chicago's legal team brought a number of mandamus cases against the government in Federal Court on behalf of asylum applicants and other immigration petitioners, such as those seeking to bring their family members from other countries to the United States.

In 2019, a Muslim man from Saudi Arabia

was granted asylum after CAIR-Chicago filed his application in 2015 and worked with him for four years to make sure that he received his interview and that his application was properly processed.

In 2019, CAIR-Chicago's lawyers finally received data in response to its 2017 FOIA request to USCIS about a special secondary vetting program for citizenship applicants known as CARRP. The CRD's goal is to determine whether or not applicants from Muslim-majority countries are being unfairly directed into the program based solely on their countries of origin. The Department is working with partners to review the millions of points of data provided by USCIS, with the results hopefully to be released soon.

CAIR-Chicago took on an asylum case in 2019 that was referred to it from CAIR-California involving female genital mutilation / cutting, and has been working with the client to prepare her for her asylum interview and draft a legal memo to USCIS in support of her case.

A U-visa application was filed by CAIR-Chicago's legal staff in 2019 on behalf of a Muslim man from Pakistan who helped State law enforcement apprehend narcotics dealers. His testimony was helpful in the prosecution of the case, which made him eligible for the U-visa.

CAIR-Chicago's team filed a petition on behalf of a former Iraqi diplomat who arrived here on a G-2 visa in 2015 to participate in a course on behalf of the Iraqi government. The worsening conditions in Iraq prompted him to seek approval to stay in the United States.

PRISON>>In 2019, CAIR-Chicago took on a case on behalf of a Muslim inmate who had been denied halal food for many years at multiple correctional facilities in Illinois, and had also been denied certain prayer and religious accommodations by the Illinois Department of Corrections.

CAIR-Chicago continues to monitor conditions for Muslim inmates at many correctional institutions, and will intervene on behalf of those inmates if a civil rights violation is found. Currently, the CRD is looking at addressing the lack of halal food in Illinois prisons, and addressing the need for Qurans and other religious materials therein.

LAW ENFORCEMENT & GOVERNMENT>>
In 2019, CAIR-Chicago's attorneys filed a case against the Illinois Secretary of State to enjoin its use of a form to be signed by all persons wearing religious head coverings. The form stated that if the applicant



Top: Ahmed Rehab, right, meets with Tom Ricketts, left, owner of the Chicago Cubs, following the leaking of Joe Ricketts' Islamophobic emails in February 2019.

Opposite: Litigation Director Phil Robertson and Executive Director Ahmed Rehab stand with Fred Tso of ICRR at a press conference in July 2019.

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“CAIR-Chicago is an organization dedicated to fighting for the civil rights of Muslims in a country where people need champions to fight for their civil liberties.”
-Facebook review

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“Faith and hope comes in all forms, and I know that I have faith in this organization to listen and help. Thank you again for making our family and our hearts whole!”

-Client testimonial

was seen in public not wearing the head covering, their driver’s license or State ID could be suspended.

In 2019, CAIR-Chicago settled a case against the Chicago Police Department and a number of its officers who attacked a Muslim woman while she was walking on a subway platform in Chicago. The client, who wears a niqab, was profiled and assaulted by the officers due to her religion.

CAIR-Chicago continues to act on behalf of clients who are approached by law enforcement (such as the FBI, DHS, or CBP) at their homes or offices and asked to answer questions about themselves or their friends or family members. The CRD works with clients to prepare them for the interview, and if requested, attends the interview with the client.

A Muslim student in a police officer training course offered at the Universi-

ty of Illinois was offended by some of the training scenarios used by the instructors. CAIR-Chicago lawyers worked with the student to bring a complaint to the attention of the school to address his concerns, resulting in greater cultural and religious sensitivity.

CAIR-Chicago attorneys advocated on behalf of a Muslim man who, during the course of a child custody hearing, was repeatedly accused of wanting to abduct his children based on antiquated understandings of Islamic law. The CRD helped him file a complaint against his ex-wife’s lawyer before the Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission.

GENERAL>>Through its partners around the State and around the country, CAIR-Chicago works as a catalyst for change at the legislative level as well, working to address matters such as the processing of mug shots for Muslim detainees and the abrupt closing of Muslim bank accounts.

CAIR-Chicago routinely handles cases involving hate crimes, whether they occur in public, at school, or in neighborhoods. Lawyers work with the police department, campus security, and local prosecutors and investigators to make sure such cases are prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law, including the bringing of hate crime charges if warranted.



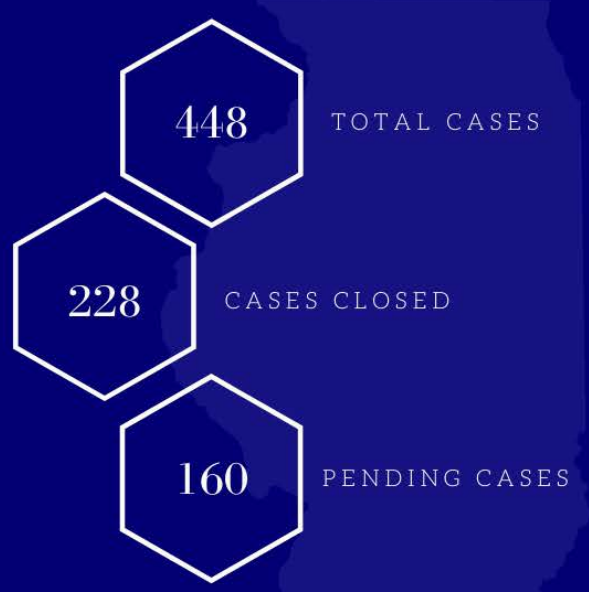
Above: Communications Coordinator Hannah Faris documenting the work of CAIR-Chicago in Winter 2019.

Below: Deputy Director Sufyan Sohel (far left) and Executive Director Ahmed Rehab (far right) pose with allies at the Share the Dream Together rally in August 2019.



2019 CASE BREAKDOWN

ONLY AROUND 1/3 OF HATE CRIMES ARE REPORTED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS*



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“There’s no denying a rise in discrimination, but that only drives us to be stronger and unwavering in our fight for justice.”

-Brian Huff, Staff Attorney

TOP 3 INTAKE CATEGORIES



111 GENERAL



108 IMMIGRATION



79 TRAVEL

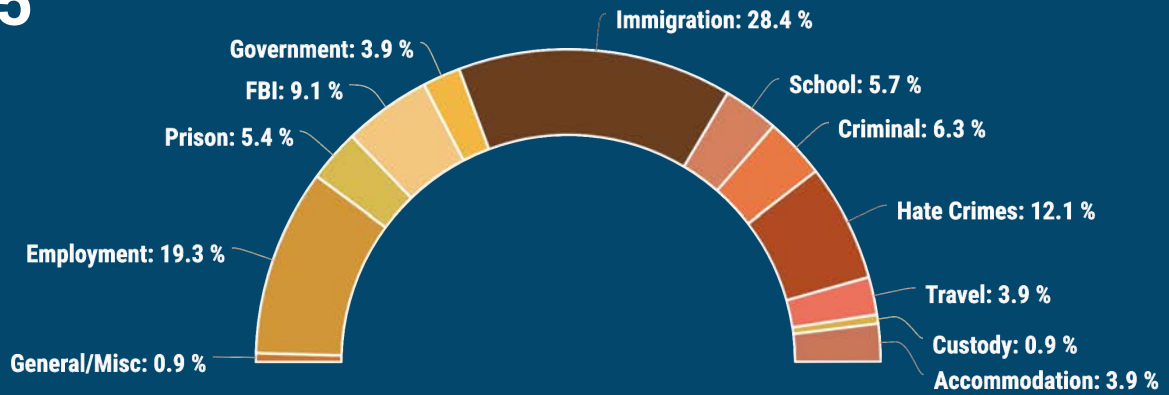
RESIDUAL CATEGORIES



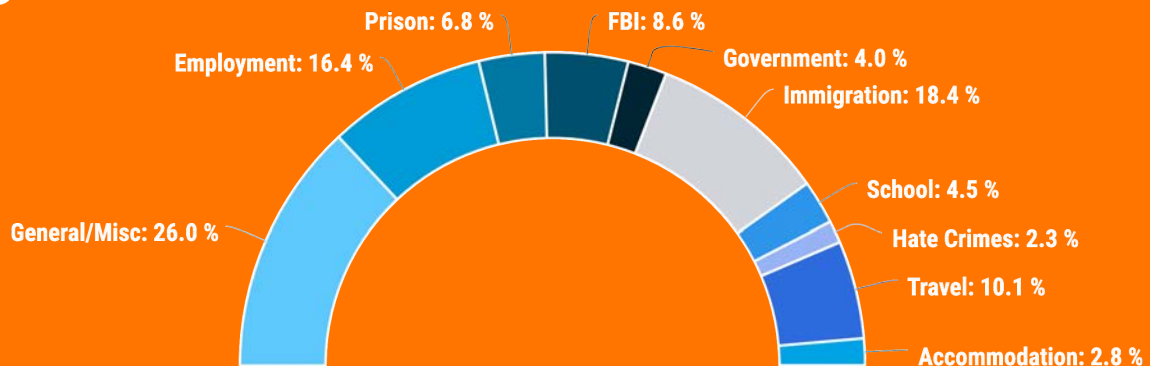
Five Year Wrap-Up

Take a look at our case distribution since 2015.

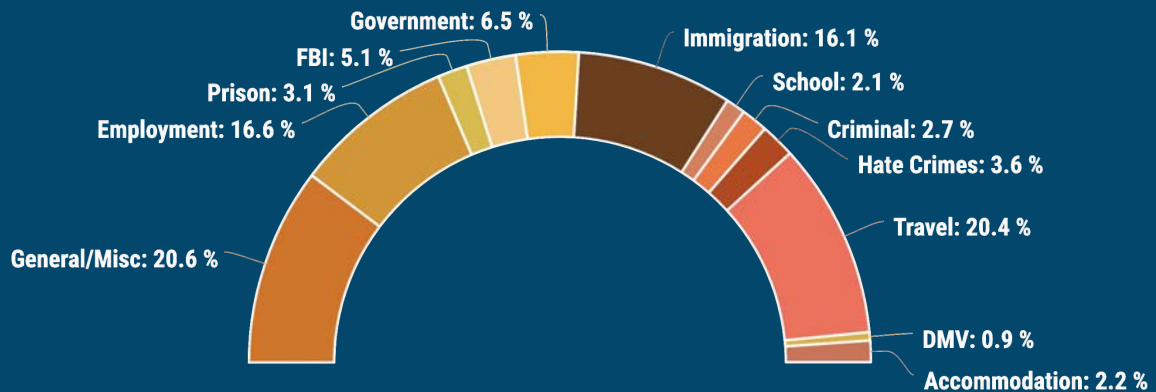
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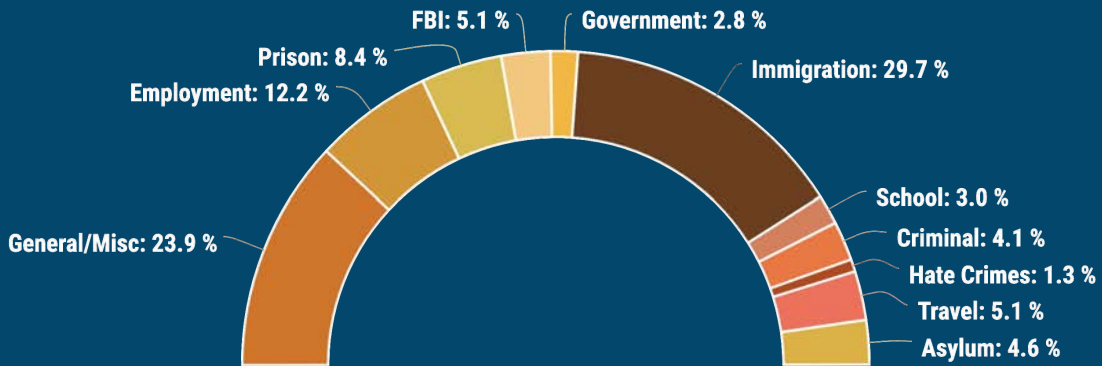


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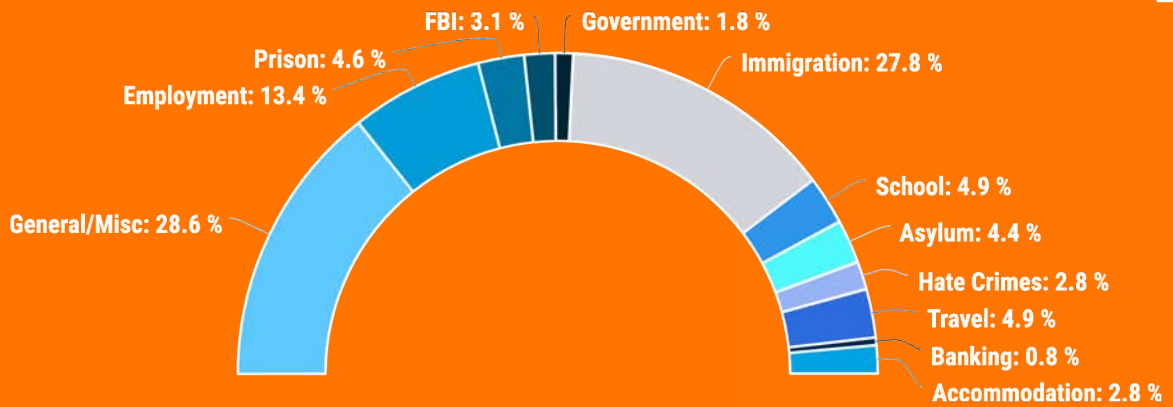


2018 saw a spike in immigration cases; this surge immediately followed the Trump Administrations three Muslim Bans in 2017.

2018



2019



2017 was the year of the first Muslim Ban in January. It was also the year CAIR-Chicago launched the Travelers Assistance Project (TAP) to help with the growing surge in travel cases .

OUTREACH

We go beyond our office walls. **We know activism isn't only done at a desk.**

CAIR-Chicago's 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.

CAIR-Chicago hosted or co-sponsored several events revealing the year's most discussed socio-political issues, as well as forming stronger bonds with organizations and our communities.

CAIR-Chicago staff delivered Friday sermons (khutbahs) at some of largest mosques in Chicagoland in an effort to promote key civic and humanitarian ideals fostered in Islam's teachings while bridging mosque audiences with the resources CAIR-Chicago offers. CAIR-Chicago celebrated hosting a milestone 11th annual Taste of Ramadan Iftar & Cook-off. Welcoming over 120 community members and supporters, the event hosted a record number of dishes, desserts, and beverages, reflecting cuisines from around the world.

CAIR-Chicago relaunched its youth development initiative, Muslim Youth Leadership Symposium (MYLS)-Chicago, at Universal School in Bridgeview. The 103 juniors and seniors participated in a special executive session, called "Set Your Own Tracks", which drew insights from CAIR-Chicago's 15 years of experience of civil rights activism and advocacy.

The core mission of MYLS-Chicago is to provide Muslim students in grades 8 through 12 with a proactive agenda for positive activism. The program empowers them to guide their communities from the margin to the mainstream and foster



Opposite: Allies read over CAIR-Chicago's annual report during an Outreach presentation in October 2019.

Top: Executive Director Ahmed Rehab, right, Board Member Ahlam Jbara, left, and Senator Dick Durbin, center, meet with teens at CAIR-Chicago's Azima Center to discuss growing Islamophobia and bullying in America.

a healthy Muslim-American identity that fits comfortably within pluralistic American society.

CAIR-Chicago co-sponsored or participated in several community events that illuminated the diverse experiences and contributions of the Muslim community. One sponsorship was with the Scribe Video Center's Muslim Voices of Chicago, a film festival showcasing films that portray the African-American Muslim experience. Muslim Voices of Chicago is a component of Muslim Voices, a nationwide project coordinated by Scribe Video Center in Philadelphia, PA and supported by the Building Bridges Program of the Doris Duke Foundation for Islamic Art.

Along with Amnesty International, Loyola University Chicago School of Law, and the Chicago Religious Leadership Network on Latin America, CAIR-Chicago welcomed noted immigration attorney Marty Rosenbluth. Rosenbluth spoke about his work providing legal counsel to undocumented migrants and asylum seekers held in one of the worst detention centers in the nation, Stewart Detention Facility.

Other advocacy events included One Human Family March for World Refugee Day, the inaugural On Devon Festival, and Town Hall Forum on Racism in Palos Township.

Left: CAIR-Chicago interns pose at the Annual Taste of Ramadan in May 2019.

Right: Deputy Director Sufyan Sohel presents at the CAIR-Chicago office with allies in September 2019.



CAIR-Chicago's internships: **providing opportunity since 2004**

GERALD HANKERSON

"Our interns are a pivotal part of our team. Without them, there would be no CAIR-Chicago."

886

INTERNS GRADUATED.

CAIR-Chicago is indebted to the interns, externs, fellows and volunteer activists (VAs) who assist our staff to empower, mobilize, and engage our communities, and have been doing so since 2004.

In 2019, the office graduated 68 interns, externs, fellows, and volunteer activists from across the United States, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Eritrea, and Canada.

CAIR-Chicago garnered special hosting opportunities to host individuals in special university and federal civic professional programs, such as the Mandela Washington Fellowship Program, by the U.S. State Department, and the Master's in Social Work program in the University of Chicago's School of Social Administration. Such unique roles made our programs more coveted and seasoned in welcoming talented emerging leaders from near and far.



CAIR-CHICAGO ENJOYS A **THRIVING PARTNERSHIP** WITH OVER **770 NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES** THROUGHOUT CHICAGOLAND AND THE NATION TO OFFER THEIR STUDENTS INTERNSHIP AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES **YEAR-ROUND**.

INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH:

- AMERICAN ISLAMIC COLLEGE (AIC)
- BENEDICTINE UNIVERSITY
- COLUMBIA COLLEGE
- COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
- DARTMOUTH COLLEGE
- DEPAUL UNIVERSITY
- DEVRY UNIVERSITY
- ELMHURST COLLEGE
- EMORY UNIVERSITY
- FLASHPOINT CHICAGO—COLUMBIA COLLEGE HOLLYWOOD
- GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY
- ILLINOIS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (IIT)
- LAKE FOREST COLLEGE
- LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO (LUC)
- NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY
- SCHOOL OF THE ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO (SAIC)
- TRINITY COLLEGE (CONNECTICUT)
- TUFTS UNIVERSITY
- THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
- UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO (UIC)
- UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN
- UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT
- UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN AT WHITEWATER
- YORK UNIVERSITY (TORONTO)

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

“My experience as a CAIR-Chicago intern has been exceptionally fulfilling. I got to take charge of my own projects and actually see the difference I was making in the community.”

-Outreach Intern

WHEN WE AREN'T REPRESENTED, WE REPRESENT OURSELVES

Since 2011, CAIR-Chicago has led civic engagement efforts in order educate and mobilize community members to respond appropriately to policies that affects all Americans.

CAIR-Chicago renewed its call for Illinois congressional members to support legislation that would reinforce civil liberties. Once again, Gerald Hankerson led an Illinois delegation to meet with congressional officials on legislative issues on Capitol Hill. The office continued working with local coalition efforts to extend voting access, cease the federal government from separating families, and to voice dissent on the MuslimBan.

CAIR-Chicago hosted two members of the Illinois General Assembly: a town hall with State Representative Yehiel M. Kalish of the 16th District and meeting with 39th District Representative Will Guzzardi. As a member organization and partner with the Illinois Muslim Civic Coalition (ILMCC), CAIR-Chicago met with several mayoral candidates for the City of Chicago.

With various coalitions, CAIR-Chicago continued planning for effective Census 2020 outreach in the Muslim community. As of 2019, CAIR-Chicago is now a member of state, county, and municipal commissioned groups to assess how to mobilize communities for the upcoming 2020 Census. With this, CAIR-Chicago was also invited to join partner organizations and present to community members why the census is important, what to expect, and how they should participate in this federally mandated civic duty.

In 2019, CAIR-Chicago advocated to elected federal, state, and local officials to act on the following issues:

Supporting the National Origin-Based Anti-discrimination for Non-Immigrants (NO BAN) Act (H.R. 2214/S. 1123) in Congress, a comprehensive bill repealing the Muslim Ban

Supporting the American Dream and Promise Act of 2019 (H.R. 6) in the U.S. Congress, helps create an easier path to permanent resident status for undocumented community members

Ending family separation at the U.S. Border through the Alternatives to Detention Act of 2019 (H.R. 532)

Support the Uighur Human Rights Policy Act of 2019 (S. 178/H.R. 649) proposed in both chambers of the U.S. Congress

Pressing the U.S. Senate to introduce a companion bill to the Uighur Intervention and Global Humanitarian Unified Response (UGHUR) Act of 2019 (H.R. 1025)

Support resolution calling for safe return of Rohingya and calls out Myanmar for its military's ethnic cleansing (S.Res. 34)

2020 CENSUS the next 10 YEARS

Meet Chris:
CAIR-Chicago's
2020 Census
Fellow

An Outreach & Government Intern alum from Summer 2019, Nevarez Azdar is a senior double major in Political Science and Spanish at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC). In his new role, he works with CAIR-Chicago and the Illinois Muslim Civic Coalition on 2020 Census related matters, namely building community awareness through workshops, presentations and events. Nevarez Azdar will have a particular outreach focus on college students and building strategic partnerships with similar peer civic engagement organizations.

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“We need to be accurately represented. The fear of government surveillance through the census is one that, while valid, works to harm us in the long run.”
-Chris Nevarez Azdar



THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CENSUS

Census data is used to determine how much federal funding is given to efforts that benefit local communities

PUBLIC EDUCATION & academia

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“One of the best ways to fight for our civil rights is to educate. CAIR-Chicago is tirelessly working in institutions both local and abroad to make sure the plights of Muslims are heard.”

-Muhammad Tauseef Akbar, Research Coordinator

CAIR-Chicago worked with coalition partners and other individuals in ongoing local and national grassroots activism against the federal law enforcement initiative Terrorism Prevention Partnerships (TPP), formerly known as Counter Violent Extremism (CVE). The #STOPCVE Coalition in Chicago released its first report on its fight to remove CVE’s presence in Illinois. This included the continued co-sponsoring film screenings for one of CAIR-Chicago’s very own internship alumni’s focus on CVE’s effects in the southwest suburb of Bridgeview—director Assia Boudaoui’s documentary, *The Feeling of Being Watched*. The film chillingly reveals how Bridgeview’s Muslim community was surveilled since the 1990s, reminding us that CVE was being sowed long before to curtail a community’s exercising of its civil rights and peace of mind due to fear and mistrust.

Conversations on fighting CVE were also featured with several delegations from nearly 20 nations . The national summit, “Resilient Youth for Cohesive communities,” was sponsored by the U.S. Embassy in North Macedonia. The summit and meetings highlighted building resilient communities and promoting inter-ethnic harmony between Albanian and Macedonian populations along the western border of North Macedonia.

CAIR-Chicago staff members from all departments were invited to speak at or host groups prominent educational institutions that included American Islamic College, Columbia College Chicago, Cornell College (IA), DePaul College Preparatory High School, DePaul University, Georgetown University, Lake Forest College, Loyola University Chicago, Moraine Valley College, Northwestern University, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Stanford University, Telpochcalli Elementary School, Universal School, The University of Chicago, University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC), and Wright College.

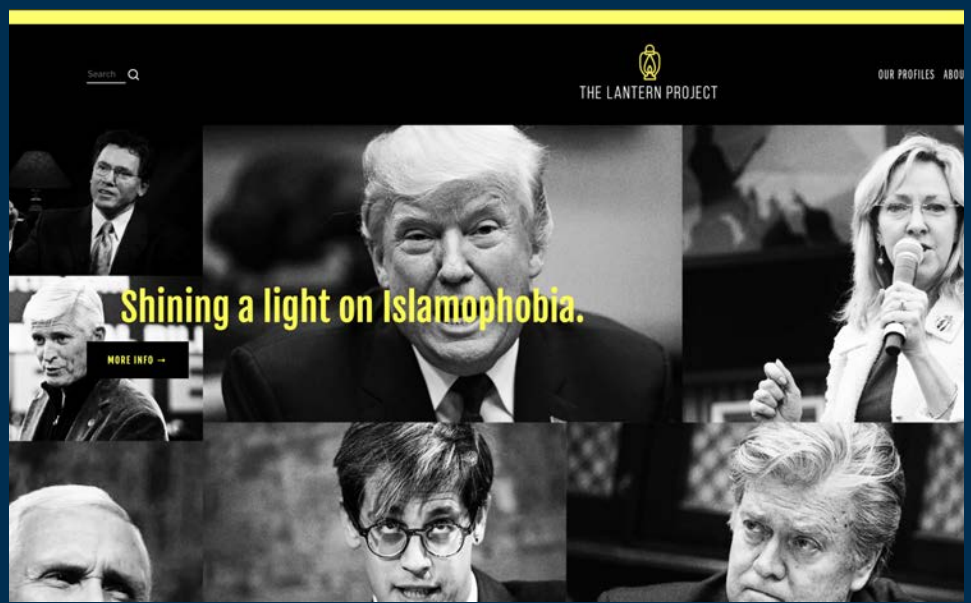
The topics ranged from basic educational seminars to more nuanced issues such as Muslim demographics and current sociopolitical issues in the U.S., curtailment law enforcement abuses, and identity politics.





In 2019, CAIR-Chicago's Research Department continued with its groundbreaking work regarding: trends within the US Islamophobia Network, media representation of Muslims/Islam, and best practices to counter hate crimes. Through its seminal Lantern Project, CAIR-Chicago broadened its scope and focus to include investigations of links between homegrown Islamophobes to foreign funders and actors within the global anti-Muslim movement; strengthening the organization's knowledge base and increasing community awareness of how Islamophobia operates not only locally and nationally but globally.

CAIR-Chicago also completed and published an important comparative study that analyzed recently published quantitative survey data on Muslim attitudes to a number of issues regarding faith and politics. The study found that Muslim Americans are a unique example among faith groups in the United States in reconciling faith with American civic values. The full report can be accessed on our website under the "Special Projects" header. Elsewhere, research staff took part in outreach with the community, speaking about its work at mosques, community centers and at inter-faith gatherings throughout the Chicagoland area.




Above: CAIR-Chicago's new anti-hate website, The Lantern Project, is the largest online database exposing insidious Islamophobia networks.

RESEARCH DEPARTMENT

Opposite: A young student poses for the camera during the Muslim Youth Leadership Symposium in November 2019.

Left: Research Coordinator Muhammad Tauseef Akbar at a seminar in May 2019.
Right: Interns read primary documents to learn about the history of civil rights in Chicago in July 2019.

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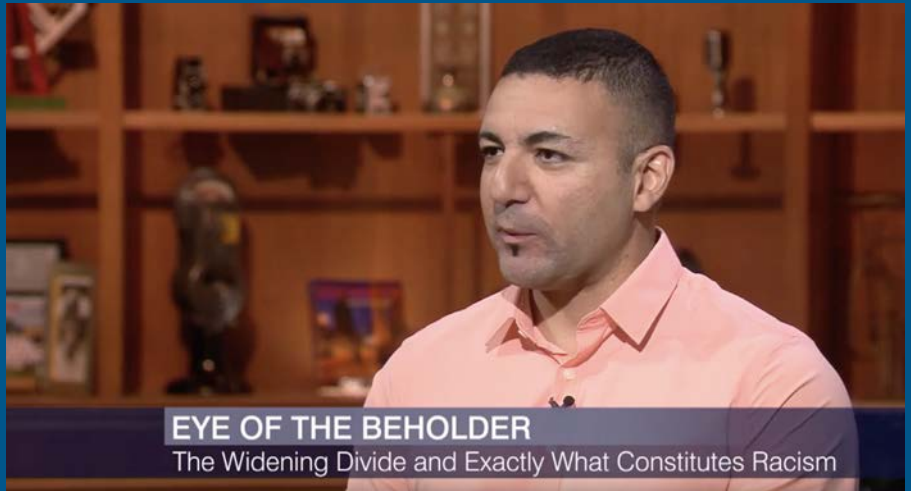
Communications Coordinator Saadia Pervaiz taking interns on a behind-the-scenes look of various civil rights exhibits at The Chicago History Museum in July 2019.

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COMMUNICATIONS TALKS

“We make the media difference.”

-Hannah Faris, Communications Coordinator



Top: Executive Director Ahmed Rehab debates on WTTW on the state of racism in July 2019.

Bottom: Operations Coordinator Najah Binbek helps host a Communications strategy workshop.

The Communications Department at CAIR-Chicago is the first line of contact between the office and the greater local, national, and international community. It organizes and holds press conferences; drafts and issues press releases to local and national media; connects with thousands within the community through newsletters; maintains and updates the CAIR-Chicago website; manages and contributes journalistic articles to a variety of news media throughout the world; engages a variety of constituents through social media initiatives; and uses audio and visual development to inform the greater public about the Muslim-American community.

CAIR-Chicago’s communications staff saw monumental, unprecedented growth throughout the 2019 calendar year. With a veteran coordinator and a newly-joined videographer, CAIR-Chicago made leaps in bounds in media relations, content creation, art curation, event coverage, and journalism.

Social media engagement skyrocketed in 2019, with an influx of followers on CAIR-Chicago’s Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook accounts. In addition to social media engagement, CAIR-Chicago’s Communications Department launched a new design for *The Chicago Monitor*, creating a stream-lined, clean, and easy to navigate platform for the community to reference for articles, podcasts, and videos. As a result, CAIR-Chicago saw an increase

in readership for the third year in a row among all platforms, with a high of 350,000 page views and nearly 20,000 followers.

This past year, CAIR-Chicago’s Communications Department moved to a more grassroots and youth-focused position to activism and civic engagement. A priority of that focus was ensuring a clear path to media and content creation. Teaming up with the CAIR-Chicago’s Executive Department, communications staff curated and built an in-house studio for original podcasts, videos, and animations. In it are state of the art microphones, cameras, and lighting equipment.

CAIR-Chicago’s Communications Department still remained steadfast in its effort to hold the media accountable. It was sure to timely present information on cases, lawsuits, and incidents in reports both locally and nationally. It formed catalytic partnerships with media bases, ensuring the Muslim community’s voices and stories were heard.



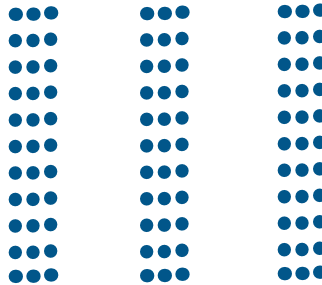
“You’ll hear us; we’re loud and we’re not going to stop.”

-Saadia Pervaiz, Communications Coordinator

COMMUNICATIONS PROJECTS



Intern Abigail Simmons is interviewed about her experience as a Civil Rights clerk in a mini-doc about CAIR-Chicago's internship program.



During the summer of 2019, CAIR-Chicago's Communications Department curated a state-of-the-art studio space for media production.

The idea was born out of a need for Muslim-Americans to have a stronger voice in content creation, from vlogs to podcasts.

Coordinators Saadia Pervaiz and Hannah Faris worked together with interns to compile the necessary equipment--microphones, lights, green screens, and stands--to create a **space where Muslim-Americans can create content and directly distribute it to the public.**

The studio opened in the Fall of 2019, and since then, CAIR-Chicago has been busy producing videos and other digital media **for Muslims, by Muslims.**



Communications Intern Greg Guillen working with equipment in CAIR-Chicago's newly designed studio.

Content, and how we absorb it, shapes our worldview. In a world where social media is always buzzing with news, users swipe past pictures and video faster and faster each day.

The Communications Department stepped up to the challenge. It streamlined its engagement tactics and started putting work into A/V interactions with CAIR-Chicago's constituency.

CAIR-Chicago knows that Muslims are under-represented in the various channels of media: in journalism, on Instagram, on YouTube, and, as always, entertainment.

The first step to rectify this gap in representation was by revamping CAIR-Chicago's digital editorial newspaper, *The Chicago Monitor*.

Then, the Communications Department took a chance and built its own studio.

Media Mentions:

20.3k

1.8k

CAIR-Chicago's national and local media mentions reached an all time high of 20.3k total mentions, with 1.8k of those mentions made in 2019.

1.6k
media
interviews

Website Engagement

450k

4.8k

CAIR-Chicago's website has reached a total of 450k page views to date. We also were keen to fill you in on our news; we reached 4.8k web posts in 2019.

Social Media:

23+k

10k | 7.7k | 1.2k

CAIR-Chicago's social media following grew in 2019, with all social media platforms reaching a total of over 23k followers combined. CAIR-Chicago has 10k followers on Facebook, 7.7k followers on Twitter, and 1.2k Instagram followers.



The Chicago Monitor

Born out of a need for Muslims to be represented in journalism and other creative writing publications, *The Chicago Monitor* is an outlet unlike any other.

In 2019, the digital-only publication saw a revamp in both its design and editorial process. The editorial team worked to bring poignant, powerful perspectives in easily consumed ways to the public eye.

The website's re-launch included new space for podcasts, videos, political cartoons, comics, and editorials. CAIR-Chicago also launched a new in-house multi-media studio.



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JB PRITZKER
GOVERNOR



February 8, 2020

Council on American Islamic Relations – Chicago
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Greetings!

As governor of the State of Illinois, I am pleased to welcome everyone to the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) Chicago's 16th Annual Banquet.

Through initiatives centering on Muslim civil rights, CAIR has dedicated itself to the protection of Islamic heritage and religious freedom throughout the United States for over 26 years. Illinoisans have cultural roots that stem from every corner of the earth, and I'm proud to serve a state that can celebrate so much diversity. The work of the CAIR-Chicago gives people of the Muslim community a protected space to embrace their traditions right here in our state – and offers other Illinoisans the opportunity to learn more about Islam, too. I'm grateful for your organization and all of the groups across our state that seek to build bridges between communities and give Illinoisans a deeper appreciation of our world.

As this year's theme *Action 2020* suggests, we are all stronger when we join together to advocate for a more just and equitable society. I commend CAIR-Chicago for all its hard work and continued efforts in pursuing cross-cultural exchange and understanding in our communities.

I'm confident that CAIR-Chicago will continue to be an unyielding defender of civil rights and justice for years to come. Alongside your efforts, I pledge to continue to protect the rights of all, lifting up the voices and values of every Illinoisan.

On behalf of the people of Illinois, I offer my best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JB Pritzker".



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

LORI E. LIGHTFOOT
MAYOR

February 8, 2020

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the City of Chicago, I am honored to welcome all those gathered for the Council on American-Islamic Relations-Chicago's 16th Annual Banquet.

Since its establishment in 1994, the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) has worked to protect and promote civil rights and liberties of Muslim Americans while also creating important cultural exchange. Through a comprehensive array of invaluable services to the Muslim American Community, CAIR has handled over 5,000 civil rights complaints, worked to educate and empower the Muslim community, graduated over 800 interns, coordinated countless interfaith and intercultural initiatives, led workshops, and hosted international delegations from every continent since 2005.

This year's event, themed "ACTION 2020," presents the opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of the past year while also encouraging us all to continue this important work. Chicago is proud to be home to a vibrant and historic Muslim American community and I commend the Council on American-Islamic Relations-Chicago for its ongoing commitment to the Muslim American community, Chicago, and beyond.

I hope your event is memorable and enjoyable. Best wishes for continued success.



Sincerely,

Mayor

RICHARD J. DURBIN
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COMMITTEE ON RULES
AND ADMINISTRATION

February 18, 2020

Dear Friends:

It gives me great pleasure to welcome all of you to CAIR-Chicago's 16th Annual Banquet. This gathering is a special opportunity to recognize the great work of the CAIR-Chicago.

For years, CAIR-Chicago has advocated for better representation of the Islamic community in Chicago. You provide an invaluable service by advocating and providing legal assistance to those seeking asylum. Diversity is Illinois' strength and I commend you for fighting against bigotry, defending civil rights, and promoting tolerance in the Chicagoland area.

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 8, 2020

Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR)
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Greetings Friends:

It is my honor to congratulate the Council on American Islamic Relations-Chicago (CAIR-Chicago) as you host your 16th Annual Banquet. This year's banquet theme, "Action 2020" is a testament to your dedication to empowering Chicagoland's Muslim community and advocating for equal rights for all.

Since CAIR-Chicago's founding, you have demonstrated your commitment to fighting against hate and discrimination through your pro-bono legal services, educational initiatives and advocacy efforts. I applaud you for highlighting community members' political power, especially amongst our nation's youth. Your efforts contribute to a brighter future for all by encouraging the next generation of diverse civic leaders to mobilize and push for equality. Additionally, your collaborative work with community partners and government agencies promotes cross-cultural and inter-faith understanding, which strengthens our communities.

Again, congratulations on this remarkable event and thank you CAIR-Chicago for the vital work that you do. My very best to you all on this special occasion.

Sincerely,

Tammy Duckworth
United States Senator



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Hon. Rashida Tlaib
Member of Congress - Michigan

February 8, 2020

Asalaam Alikum Sisters & Brothers,

Congratulations to the members and staff of CAIR Chicago on another year of hard work, advocacy, and service.

This past year, CAIR Chicago reaffirmed its devotion to service and its commitment to the fight for worker justice and immigrant rights. I am proud of its work to combat hate in every form, and I am proud to see our Muslim community act and be a force for change anti-immigrant sentiments, racism, and bigotry.

I wish you many more years of growth and effective advocacy.

Sincerely,

Rashida Tlaib
Member of Congress
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January 23, 2020

Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate the Council on American-Islamic Relations' (CAIR) Chicago chapter for 16 years of excellence and community service as you hold your 2020 Annual Banquet.

I applaud the council for continuing this great tradition of bringing together community leaders, scholars, and activists to celebrate CAIR's work defending civil liberties. On this milestone anniversary, you have much to look back on and be proud of.

Illinois has a diverse Muslim population which has been vital to the state's growth over the past decades. Unfortunately, we have witnessed an unprecedented nationwide spike in anti-Muslim bigotry and bias-incidents since 2016, with an additional increase following President Donald Trump's Muslim Ban. Thankfully, CAIR and its Chicago chapter over the past several years have fought back against this rising tide of anti-Muslim hate and empowered the Muslim community and others to fully participate in American civic life.

The council's public campaigns to expose and dismantle the Islamophobia Network and work to build bridges with other communities to empower each other and push back against all types of hate have played an instrumental role in helping move America forward.

Our democracy requires the active participation of informed citizens. I commend your work in non-partisan voter registration, get-out-the-vote and voter education activities, which support the very principles of civic engagement on which our nation was founded. CAIR's work is essential in making democracy work for everyone.

Once again, best of luck. May this year's banquet be a wonderful experience for everyone in attendance and help renew your commitments to promoting civil rights and ensuring equality and justice for all.

Sincerely,

Ilhan Omar
Member of Congress



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February 8, 2020

Asslamu-Alaikum:

It is my pleasure to welcome you to CAIR-Chicago's 16th Annual Banquet. I extend my gratitude to CAIR for its continued advocacy for justice and mutual understanding.

As you enjoy this evening, I encourage you to reflect on this year's theme - Action2020. In a presidential election year, all citizens must be vigilant and engaged, and this is especially true for our Muslim and minority communities in this particular election. The political climate still fosters a climate of mistrust, fear and hatred, but we must continue to show up and reclaim the narrative by sharing our faith and beliefs through positive action. I strongly believe it is our duty to make our voices heard - through democratic processes, advocacy education in our communities as well as all levels of government. As each of you organizes in your respective spheres of influence, I will continue to work in Congress to ensure all Americans are respected and represented.

On behalf of the 7th Congressional District of Indiana, I wish you a wonderful evening full of networking and inspiration for the work ahead.

Sincerely,

André Carson
Member of Congress



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January 16, 2020

Ahmed M. Rehab
Executive Director
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Dear Director Rehab:

Thank you for offering this opportunity to greet and welcome attendees at the CAIR-Chicago 16th Annual Banquet Saturday, February 8, 2020 at the Drury Lane Banquet Hall in Oakbrook Terrace. I understand that this year's theme will be "Action 2020." This year's event comes at a time when our nation's values and our democracy continue to remain under relentless attack. Over the past three years you have sounded a clarion call warning of the scope of the attack and the urgency of a resolute response. It is critical that we, as a nation, continue to respond effectively and resolutely to new provocations of intimidation and violence, and ongoing anti-Muslim rhetoric.

If the practice of our democracy is to live up to our vision of democracy we should remind all Americans that we live in a multi-cultural nation and that, in the final analysis, the security and strength of our nation lies in our diversity and our unity. Our mutual commitment to those rights and responsibilities are set forth in our constitution, and they have been deepened, reconfirmed and reasserted over time so as to encompass every American. These are the true core principles of our democracy and these principles have been ratified at great cost so many times over our history.

I salute CAIR-Chicago for the work you have done over the past year and your untiring commitment to justice and equality for Muslim Americans . . . and all Americans. CAIR understands that in defending Muslim Americans against employment discrimination, prison abuse, hate crimes and citizenship delays they are also defending our American values for every American.

Once again, welcome attendees, I am certain you are in for a timely event, and a unique opportunity to network with community members, leaders and activists from every sector of the Muslim American community in the highest tradition of our grassroots based and driven democracy.

Sincerely,

Danny K. Davis
Member of Congress

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February 8, 2020

Dear Members of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR):

Congratulations on 26 years of working to ensure justice for American Muslim communities and fostering understanding throughout greater Chicagoland and Illinois.

This year's Annual Banquet theme, "Action 2020," kicks into high gear CAIR's ongoing campaign of civic engagement. Our democracy requires the active participation of informed citizens. I commend CAIR for its non-partisan voter registration, get-out-the-vote, and voter education activities, which support the very principles of civic engagement on which our nation was founded. Indeed, your work is essential in making democracy work for everyone.

Once again, I wish you the best of luck. May this year's banquet be a magnificent experience for everyone in attendance and help renew your commitments to civil rights, equal treatment under the law, and civic engagement.

Sincerely,



Robin L. Kelly
Member of Congress

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February 8, 2020

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Greetings to CAIR-Chicago & Friends:

For over a decade, your annual banquet has provided community members and elected officials with a wonderful opportunity to celebrate CAIR-Chicago's mission and achievements. Please accept my best wishes on this special occasion.

Your organization continues to educate and empower members of the Muslim community and promote engagement with the larger community of Chicagoland. This work is particularly meaningful at a time in our nation's history when tolerance for diversity is under attack. By fostering understanding and ensuring civil rights are respected, CAIR-Chicago is making a tremendous impact on our city, state, and nation.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication to making a difference in the lives of individuals and families.

Best wishes,



Bobby L. Rush
Member of Congress





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February 8, 2020

Mr. Ahmed M. Rehab
Executive Director
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Dear Friends,

I wish to extend my greetings to everyone attending CAIR Chicago's 16th Annual Banquet.

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.

CAIR's focus on advocating for civil rights, peace, justice, and respect for all, provides opportunities for our city, state, and across the nation to attain equal opportunity for and normalizing the image of Muslims in America not only enriching the Muslim community but also expanding productive dialogue between cultures.

Best wishes for a successful event.

Sincerely,

Mike Quigley
Member of Congress



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January 16, 2020

Mr. Ahmed M. Rehab
Executive Director
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Dear Members and Leaders of CAIR-Chicago:

I am honored to welcome all of those who have gathered for the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) Chicago Chapter's 16th Annual Banquet. Congratulations on another successful year of work.

"Action 2020" is an appropriate theme for this year's banquet. CAIR-Chicago's continued commitment to advocacy, solidarity, facts, dialogue, and equality for all is extremely admirable and necessary for the community to thrive. The work of CAIR-Chicago has also promoted principles of tolerance, religious freedom, trust and safety throughout the community. I applaud your efforts in the preservation of core American values, to uphold civil and human rights.

Again, I would like to congratulate you on your 16th Anniversary. My best wishes for your continued success.

Sincerely,

Cheri Bustos
Member of Congress



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February 8, 2020

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Dear Friends,

It brings me great pleasure to extend my congratulations and best wishes to the Chicago chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR-Chicago) on its 16th Annual Banquet. Tonight's event is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate your steadfast and important advocacy for the preservation of civil liberties and the right of all of our citizens to pursue the American Dream, regardless of their faith or country of origin.

CAIR-Chicago's efforts have helped educate and empower our diverse Muslim community in Illinois. Through your efforts, CAIR-Chicago has consistently demonstrated its commitment to fighting discrimination by providing legal representation, holding voter registration drives, and leading community workshops on political activism.

Thank you for all the work that you do, and best wishes for a terrific event this evening!



Warm regards,
Raja Krishnamoorthi
Raja Krishnamoorthi
Member of Congress

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February 8, 2020

GREETINGS

As the Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives, it is my pleasure to welcome those who have gathered for the Chicago chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations' 16th Annual Banquet.

Through the years, CAIR-Chicago has fought for the furtherance of civil rights, embraced community outreach to create greater understanding between Muslims and non-Muslims, and battled intolerance.

Over the course of our nation's history, challenging times have been met by brave men and women who stood up and called on our nation to hold true to the principles of its founding and truly be a land where all are welcome to practice their religion, speak their mind, and pursue their dreams. With this year's banquet theme of "Action 2020," CAIR urges us this year to once again stand together and demand that American dream.

Thank you for your efforts. Please accept my best wishes for a wonderful event and for much continued success.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Michael J. Madigan

MICHAEL J. MADIGAN
Speaker of the House





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February 8, 2020

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Greetings,

It is my pleasure to welcome everyone to the 16th Annual Banquet for the Council on American-Islamic Relations - Chicago Chapter (CAIR-Chicago).

Since 2005, CAIR-Chicago has worked diligently to protect the civil liberties of Muslim Americans throughout the state. This annual banquet is an opportunity to recognize the achievements and contributions of people who have worked to empower individuals through internships, informative workshops, intercultural activities and events with international delegates. It is pertinent to have organizations such as CAIR-Chicago available to address issues including hate crimes, employment discrimination, citizenship challenges, and abuse of incarcerated people. I salute this organization's dedicated leadership and staff.

On behalf of the people of Illinois, I am honored to congratulate the team at CAIR-Chicago on 16 years of civic duty, public service and human rights advocacy.

Best wishes for a successful event and a bright tomorrow.

Sincerely,

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Jesse White
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February 8, 2020

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Dear Friends,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the 16th Annual Banquet of the Council on American-Islamic Relations - Chicago.

Founded in 2005, CAIR-Chicago has worked diligently to create a more egalitarian society that reflects the true values of our great state and country. CAIR-Chicago continues to fight for Muslim Americans to ensure their rights, voices and values are upheld and empowered.

The theme of this year's banquet, "Action 2020," encourages us all to work towards a future free of hatred and injustice. We must continue to celebrate our differences and stand united against civil injustices. We are stronger when we stand as one. We must protect the principles on which our society is built: respect, inclusion, and justice.

The New Year has greeted us with challenges we cannot afford to ignore. Together we will look forward and achieve our vision of a vibrant and inclusive Illinois.

Welcome to this wonderful celebration and thank you for your service to the people of our great state. I wish you many more years of progress.

Sincerely,

Michael Frerichs

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PRESIDENT

February 8, 2020

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 for the 16th Annual Banquet, themed Action 2020.

I wish to commend everyone at CAIR Chicago Chapter for the crucial work you've done and continue to do on behalf of the Muslim American community of Cook County. Since 2005, CAIR Chicago Chapter took action on over 2,900 civil rights complaints that ranged from employment discrimination and citizenship delay to prison abuse and hate crimes. The advocacy and civic engagement CAIR Chicago Chapter provides educates and empowers the Muslim American communities throughout Cook County and beyond.

Furthermore, I laud CAIR Chicago Chapter for fostering awareness, appreciation and understanding of Muslim Americans and Muslim American culture among the residents of Cook County. Our rights, our voices and our values are currently at the center point of the fear tactics that torment our nation. Now more than ever, dialogue amongst our residents helps foster peace and unity in the County and nation.

Please accept my appreciation for the work you do and for the contributions you bring to the lives of all residents of Cook County. I wish everyone in attendance an enjoyable and memorable event, and I wish CAIR Chicago Chapter continued success.

Sincerely,

Toni Preckwinkle

Toni Preckwinkle
President





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Mr. Ahmed M. Rehab
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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 16th Annual Banquet.

The work of your organization is crucial as we continue to face discrimination and inequities in our society. Through meaningful civic engagement and collaborative partnerships, your efforts have resulted in vital community mobilization while providing significant resources to support those directly impacted by bias and injustice.

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 Illinois.

Best wishes for continued success and progress!

Sincerely,

Kimberly M. Foxk
Cook County State's Attorney



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Council on American-Islamic Relations
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Greetings,

Congratulations to the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR)—Chicago office on your 16th Annual Banquet. This year's theme - "Action 2020" - is certainly in line with the goals of the Cook County Assessor's Office as we seek to make transformative change that brings fairness, transparency, and predictability to the property tax system.

I'm very happy to celebrate your successes and recognize your important work in fostering community and enriching the cultural tapestry of Chicago by organizing the Muslim community and advocating for human rights and dignity. Your commitment to building cultural bridges unites us as a community. I commend you for this essential work that makes Chicago's neighborhoods truly special.

Thanks for your valuable service and again, congratulations!

Sincerely,

Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi



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Mr. Ahmed M. Rehab
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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 16th 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 regard to upholding civil and human rights.

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

Sincerely,

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February 8, 2020

Mr. Ahmed M. Rehab
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Dear Mr. Rehab:

Greetings to you and everyone attending the 16th Annual Banquet of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) Chicago Chapter. In honor of your "Action 2020" theme this year, I recognize the 16 years of dedicated action CAIR has extended to "defending civil rights, fighting bigotry, and promoting tolerance." 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 educate and empower the Muslim community of Chicago, while also promoting understanding across racial, religious and cultural lines throughout the city.

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
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January 23, 2020

Council on American Islamic Relations
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Dear CAIR-Chicago,

I am pleased to congratulate the Council on American Islamic Relations - Chicago Chapter (CAIR-Chicago) on another year of accomplishments in upholding the civil rights of the Muslim community in the Chicago area.

I congratulate CAIR-Chicago for their dedication to education and empowerment that has elevated civic engagement in the Muslim community and look forward to being a partner in your future success.

Best wishes,

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January 21, 2020

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 16th Anniversary. The Council's hard work in advancing mutual respect for differing ideas, beliefs, and experiences is greatly appreciated. I applaud the council for this great tradition of gathering community leaders to celebrate the protection of civil rights.


Thank you for all that you have done and continue to do in promoting tolerance and peace. I wish you and all the individuals your organization serves continued success.

Sincerely,

John P. Daley
Cook County Commissioner



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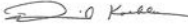

Dear Members of CAIR-Chicago, friends and supporters:

Welcome to the 16th Annual Banquet of the Council on American Islamic Relations.

This year we must celebrate the unity CAIR-Chicago helps to promote. CAIR-Chicago has made incredible advancements working to foster understanding and ensure justice for the embattled in our communities. It is the work of CAIR-Chicago 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,





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Feb. 8, 2020

Council on American-Islamic Relations
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Dear friends,



As the Illinois State Senator in the 20th District, I am pleased to welcome everyone gathered for CAIR-Chicago's 16th Annual Banquet.

CAIR-Chicago provides a great service to our city by educating and mobilizing our large Muslim community. In a time full of uncertainty and fear for minorities in our country, the work you do to promote understanding and diversity is especially important.

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 2019 and best wishes for the future.


Sincerely,

Iris Y. Martinez
State Senator, 20th Senate District of Illinois
Assistant Majority Leader

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January 16, 2020

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

Congratulations to the Council on American Islamic Relations, Chicago Chapter's 16th Annual Banquet and on another successful year in your work to promote equality and civil rights for all.

Over the last 16 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 "Action 2020" 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,


Greg Harris
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February 8, 2020

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Dear Members of CAIR-Chicago, friends and supporters:

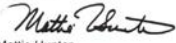

Congratulations and welcome to the 16th Annual Banquet of the Council on American Islamic Relations celebrating your great successes of 2019.

This year's theme "Action 2020" is designed to empower and is indicative of your willingness not only to confront major obstacles but to stay the course during these very difficult and challenging times. I commend everyone gathered tonight in celebration of CAIR's commitment to a better tomorrow for everyone.

On behalf of the State of Illinois Third Legislative District, I give my support and my sincere well wishes to CAIR-Chicago as we celebrate your success this evening.

Enjoy!

Sincerely,

Mattie Hunter
Majority Caucus Chair
Illinois State Senator
3rd Legislative District

ILLINOIS STATE SENATE



LINDA HOLMES
STATE SENATOR 42ND DISTRICT



January 22, 2020

CAIR-Chicago
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Dear Friends,

I want to congratulate the Council on American-Islamic Relations' Chicago chapter on the occasion of its 16th 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,

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January 9, 2019

Mr. Ahmed M. Rehab
Executive Director
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Dear Members and Guests,

I want to sincerely welcome you all to the Council on American-Islamic Relations, Chicago Chapter, 16th 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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ILLINOIS STATE SENATE



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January, 2020

Dear Friends,

Congratulations to the Council on American Islamic Relations - Chicago on their 16th 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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Dear friends,

It with great esteem that I submit this letter of recognition and support for the Council of American-Islamic Relations, Chicago. Since its launch in 2005, CAIR-Chicago has been dedicated to advocating for the civil rights of Muslims living in our city.

It is more important now than ever to work toward securing the rights of Muslims, especially given the constant assault on those rights from the current administration in Washington. In these trying times, organizations like CAIR-Chicago are critical players in the struggle to rid the world of islamophobia, bigotry and hatred.

I am honored and proud to stand as an ally with CAIR-Chicago as they continue to fight to ensure equity for Muslims and Islamic people everywhere.

Sincerely,

Robert Peters
State Senator | 13th District



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January 10, 2020

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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 all your great work throughout greater Chicagoland and Illinois and wish you a very successful event. I salute you for celebrating CAIR-Chicago's 16th Anniversary!

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

Sincerely yours,

Cristina Castro
State Senator – 22nd District



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Laura Murphy
STATE SENATOR
28th DISTRICT

February 8, 2019

Council of American-Islamic Relations
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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 16th Annual Banquet and congratulate the organization's staff and members on another spectacular year. Thank you for the work you do to ensure justice, foster awareness and encourage understanding of Chicagoland'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
State Senator – 28th District



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January 2020

Mr. Gerald Hankerson
Outreach Coordinator
Council on American-Islamic Relations
17 North State Street
Chicago, IL 60602

Dear Mr. Hankerson,

Congratulations to you and the members of the Council on American-Islamic Relations as you celebrate your 16th Annual Banquet on February 8, 2020.

Thank you for leading CAIR's efforts to ensure justice through fostering dialogue and understanding in the greater Chicagoland area. Your ongoing focus on healing relationships broken by fear and misunderstanding is to be applauded.

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

Sincerely,

Julie A. Morrison
State Senator, 29th District



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January 14, 2020

Dear Friends:

As State Senator of the 43rd District, I extend my best wishes to all attending CAIR-Chicago's 16th Annual Banquet.

The Muslim community is an important part of the 43rd 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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February 2020

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. Since the creation of CAIR in 2005 their legal team has handled over 5,000 civil rights complaints, educated and empowered the Muslim community through civic engagements, conducted over 1,400 mainstream media interviews, and graduated over 800 internships while coordinating interfaith and intercultural initiatives, leading educational workshops, and hosting international delegations from every continent.

I am honored to be able to offer my support to all CAIR-Chicago does to continually meet 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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January 21, 2020

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

Congratulations to the Council on American-Islamic Relations for another year of working to ensure justice and 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, facts and action is truly commendable.

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

Sincerely,

State Representative
37th Legislative District
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Ahmed M. Rehab
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Dear Director Rehab,

As Alderman of the 34th Ward and on behalf of Chicago residents, it is with great pleasure that we congratulate CAIR-Chicago as you celebrate your "16th Annual Banquet, themed "Action 2020". I applaud 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.

During our nation's most difficult times we must take "Action", and stand in solidarity to protect our nation's values and to uphold civil and human rights. Thank you, CAIR-Chicago for continuing to be an advocate to all regardless of race, gender, religion, or ethnic background. Your hard work and dedication is evident in your achievements, you have built eminent goodwill in this great city.

Congratulations CAIR-Chicago!!! I salute you and wish you the very best in your future endeavors. God bless you always!

Sincerely,

Alderman Carrie M. Austin
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January 24, 2020

Council on American-Islamic Relations
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Dear Friends,

Congratulations to the Council on American-Islamic Relations for another productive year. I especially want to commend the Council for its 16 years of fighting bigotry, defending civil rights and promoting tolerance here in Chicago.

We are in a critical time in our country where bigotry and a lack of tolerance are promoted at the highest level. Now, more than ever, our city and our country needs the Council on American-Islamic Relations. Their exceptional work supports the Muslim Community and facilitates necessary dialogue in our neighborhoods and beyond.

I welcome all in attendance tonight at the banquet, and I wish you a successful and fruitful dinner as we celebrate CAIR-Chicago and the work we all have ahead of us.

Sincerely,

James Cappelman
46th Ward



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January 14, 2020

Ahmed Rehab, Executive Director
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Dear Executive Director Rehab,

I would like to thank CAIR-Chicago for their work on behalf of the residents of the 3rd Ward and the City of Chicago as a whole. Now more than ever, the efforts of organizations like yours to educate communities and build relationships is critical. The 16th Annual Banquet is a celebration of that important work, which importantly includes advocacy in the areas of American Muslim civil rights, immigration policy, non-discrimination measures and census outreach.

As the former Chairman of the Chicago City Council Committee on Human Relations, and representing a diverse ward that is home to many Muslim residents and places of worship, I have worked diligently to advance our shared interests. To that end, I look forward to working with you on important initiatives like the 2020 Census to ensure our residents, many of whom are hard-to-count and belong to the American Muslim community, are fairly counted represented.

Once again, let me offer you my congratulations on your 16th Annual Banquet. Should you ever need assistance from my office, please feel free to reach out anytime at 773-373-9273.

Sincerely,

Pat Dowell
Alderman, 3rd Ward

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Greetings Friends,

On behalf of the 4th Ward Aldermanic Office, it is my pleasure to congratulate you as you prepare to celebrate CAIR-Chicago's 16th Annual Banquet to honor the accomplishments and successes the local Muslim community has achieved over the past year.

I salute you for the work your organization has done to promote equality and provide support throughout our city and state. During a time when individual's religious beliefs can feel as if they are under attack, your organization provides solidarity, justice and education for all. Through CAIR-Chicago's actions, Chicago has truly become a better place for all.

Again, congratulations for your continued diligence and dedication to the community. I wish you well in the year to come.

Sincerely,

Sophia D. King
Alderman, 4th Ward



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January 23, 2020

Council on American-Islamic Relations
17 North State Street
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RE: Letter of Support

Dear Friends,

I would like to extend my congratulations to the Chicago Chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) on your 16th year successfully advocating on behalf of the Illinois Muslim community, and for your efforts advancing justice, compassion, and mutual understanding for all Illinoisians.

This year's theme, "Action 2020" emphasizes the importance of civic participation and making sure that our voices and our actions are measured by the votes cast and elections won. This year, we will effect change by supporting and electing candidates willing to represent ALL constituents inclusively and work together to heal the divides forming at all levels of government.

My best wishes for another successful banquet, and another successful year defending civil rights, fighting bigotry, and promoting tolerance.

Sincerely,

Brian Hopkins
Alderman Brian Hopkins
2nd Ward



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January 22, 2020

Council on American-Islamic Relations
Chicago Chapter
17 N. State St., Suite 1500
Chicago, IL 60602

Dear Friends of CAIR-Chicago:

I am pleased to support CAIR-Chicago in its 15th year of service to the Muslim community in Illinois. I'm 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 as CAIR-Chicago continues to exemplify where we are as a nation in this current day and time. You're sought to be the example of achieving greatness through genuine appreciation for one another's existence, voices, ideas, experiences, and potential.

CAIR-Chicago has benefitted many community members, leaders and elected officials through dialogue, facts, and empowerment. Helping us to realize by working together in solidarity for everyone's civil rights ensures and can guarantee equality and respect for all.

Therefore, it is with full confidence, I support CAIR-Chicago and give my favorable consideration on behalf of the residents of this City's 37th Ward.

Sincerely,

Emma Mitts
Alderman, 37th Ward

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January 23, 2020

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 its continued work as a leading advocate for justice and mutual understanding.

I am 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. These are the values that have made Chicago and the 44th Ward strong for decades and we work together to bring those shared values to the larger community.

Wishing success at the 16th Annual Banquet and continued achievements as vital community partners in Chicago.

Sincerely,

Thomas Tunney
44th Ward Alderman



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David J. Kaptain
MAYOR



January 14, 2020

Council on American-Islamic Relations
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Dear Friends:

Please accept my best wishes for your 16th Annual Banquet themed "Action 2020" celebrating yet another successful year fulfilling your mission to defend civil rights, fight bigotry and promote tolerance.

The event will celebrate another phenomenal year of working to ensure justice for the embattled in the community and to foster understanding throughout the area. CAIR-Chicago's work and advocacy is helping to preserve civil rights for American Muslims and working to eliminate discrimination while also empowering individuals and institutions in the community. 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
Mayor, City of Elgin



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January 14, 2020

Ahmed M. Rehab
Executive Director
Council on American-Islamic Relations
17 N. State Street, Suite 1700
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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 16th 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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William D. McLeod
MAYOR

January 2020

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 16th Annual Banquet celebrating your success in ensuring justice for the embattled in our communities and to foster understanding throughout greater Chicagoland and Illinois. Your theme, 'Action 2020' is wonderfully timed and perfectly poised for a future embedded with understanding and acceptance.

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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PRESIDENT



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

As President of the Village of Oak Brook, it is my pleasure to welcome the members of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), Chicago Chapter to the Oak Brook area!

Congratulations on another remarkable year. The work your organization does in the Muslim community is commendable and the strides taken to bridge the gap between a diverse population is something to be proud of. CAIR leads by example when promoting your theme of "Action 2020", by working to educate and empower Muslims throughout the Chicago area, giving victims of Civil Rights violations a voice and working toward policy change in an effort to eliminate discrimination. CAIR's results are admirable.

Compliments on an outstanding year and best wishes for a successful event.

Sincerely,

Gopal G. Lalimalani, MD., M.B.A.
Village President



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Monday, January 20, 2020

CAIR-Chicago
Attn: Mr. Ahmed M. Rehab
17 North State St., Suite 1500
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Dear Mr. Rehab:

Congratulations on an outstanding 2019 as CAIR-Chicago continued the vital work of ensuring justice in Muslim communities throughout the Chicagoland area and Illinois.

From handling civil rights complaints regarding employment discrimination and citizenship delays to conducting mainstream media interviews to coordinating interfaith and intercultural initiatives, CAIR-Chicago's work reflects its commitment to defend civil rights, fight bigotry, and promote tolerance. The continued effort to educate the Muslim community and enable the next generation highlights the importance of civic engagement and community empowerment.

Please accept my best wishes, along with those of the Village Board of Trustees, for a successful 16th Annual Banquet! Again, congratulations to CAIR-Chicago.

Sincerely,

Sandra E. Frum
Village President

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January 16, 2020

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

Thank you for your invitation to the CAIR-Chicago 16th Annual Banquet Saturday, February 8, 2020 at the Drury Lane Banquet Hall in Oakbrook Terrace. I understand that this year's theme will be "Action 2020." This is a timely call to our community as 2020 presents to us the need to take action in the 2020 Census, the 2020 Primary & General Elections, as well as a new decade to commit to mutual courage in fighting the hate that divides us and to fighting climate change that leaves our global communities vulnerable.

I have very much appreciated your partnership in helping me connect with residents of Hanover Park and at large on learning and celebrating the beauty of our Muslim American community. I deeply value CAIR's mission to advocate and protect civil liberties for all US Americans. I celebrate your "Action 2020" goals and look forward to mutual collaboration to implement it.

With Kind Regards and Solidarity,

Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda
Hanover Park Village Clerk



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February 08, 2020

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Assalamualaikum (may peace be upon you) Friends,

Welcome to CAIR-Chicago's 16th Annual Banquet. Thank you to CAIR-Chicago for bringing together elected officials, law enforcement, community organizations, media outlets and all of us to collectively serve our Chicagoland community.

CAIR-Chicago's leadership has given American Muslims an avenue to pursue justice in a reality where we continue to be misunderstood, vilified, and mistreated. Programs like their Traveler's Assistance Program and Citizenship Delay project provides us with timely support. I applaud CAIR-Chicago for these and other programs to boldly safeguard all of our lives and liberties.

Hanover Park had the pleasure of partnering with CAIR-Chicago multiple times to bring awareness to our community, to guide us as a municipality, and to hold us accountable as leaders.

We thank CAIR-Chicago for their collaboration in promoting mutual respect and understanding. CAIR-Chicago's dedication 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. We welcome and encourage 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.

- Sign up for CAIR-Chicago's Dollar-A-Day program at www.cairchicago.org/dollar-a-day
- Make a general donation at www.cairchicago.org/donate
- Check to see if your employer has a **gift matching program**
- Designate CAIR-Chicago as a **beneficiary in your will** (planned giving)
- Donate **stocks, bonds or financial instruments** to CAIR-Chicago
- Participate in our Amazon Smile program. Go to www.smile.amazon.com

JOIN US

- **Apply for an internship/externship/law clerkship** at www.cairchicago.org/intern-center
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- **Participate** in one of our many events, rallies, workshops and Annual Banquet

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