

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In just two short years of operation, and with the grace of God, CAIR-Chicago, the Midwest chapter of the nation's largest Muslim Civil Rights organization, has blossomed from a staff of one person into a fully-fledged civil rights and public relations firm.

Today, CAIR-Chicago is powered by a talented staff of 10 professional activists (7 full-time and 3 part-time) wholly dedicated to defending our civil liberties, fighting bigotry, and promoting tolerance & justice.

We present to you this year's Annual Report as a synopsis of CAIR-Chicago's progress in 2006.

The year 2006 saw a change in the Executive Director position and the addition of four new staff members (including the new position of staff attorney); it also saw the number of interns and volunteers increase by 14% from 2005.

In 2006, CAIR-Chicago processed 412 civil rights complaints, almost double the amount from the previous year for the second time in a row. Cases ranged from employment discrimination and citizenship delay to prison abuse and hate crimes. The department added two more new projects: the *Free Campus Coalition*, and the *Coalition to Protect People's Rights*.

In addition to defense and advocacy work, the Civil Rights department continued to implement a proactive, forward-looking agenda through outreach to the government, media, and the community.

In coordination with strategic partners, the Government Affairs Department successfully launched our political organizing flagship known as *Project O*, registering more than 1,000 new Muslim voters and educating the community on civic engagement and participation. As a result, voter registration increased by 80 percent and voter turnout by 50 percent in an area that has had historically low numbers. CAIR-Chicago also debuted and distributed the *CAIR-Chicago 2006 Voter Education Guide*, providing voters with the information necessary to make informed electoral decisions.

2006 also saw our outreach efforts go global. CAIR-Chicago hosted half a dozen international delegations from around the world, while members of our staff presented before audiences in England, Denmark, Turkey, and Egypt.

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CAIR-Chicago understands the importance of mainstream media in impacting public perceptions about Islam and Muslims. In 2006, CAIR-Chicago was featured, reported on, or quoted over 150 times in local, national, and international newspapers and magazines that include the *Chicago Tribune*, the *Chicago Sun-Times*, the *Daily Herald*, the *Economist*, the *International Herald Tribune*, and *Crain's Business*; over 30 times in local and national radio stations that include NPR and BBC Radio; and over 60 times in local and national television newscasts that include CBS, NBC, ABC, WGN, FOX, MSNBC, PBS, and BBC World.

For more information on CAIR-Chicago and our current projects, please visit: <http://www.cairchicago.org>. We hope that you will continue to support the services and projects of CAIR both locally and nationally.



FINANCIAL REPORT 2006

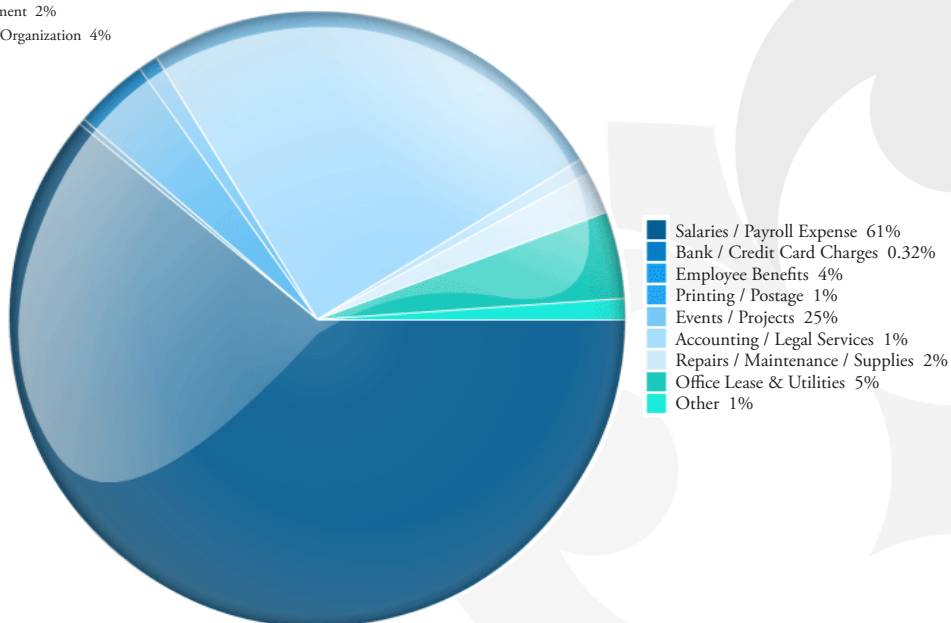
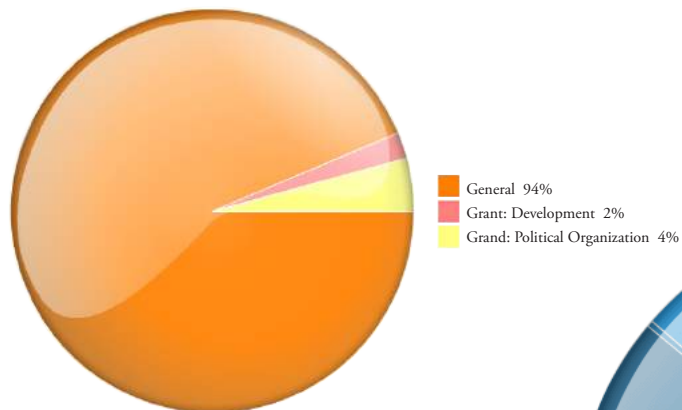
2006 FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

INCOME

General	\$440,407
Grant: Development	\$9,736
Grant: Political Organization	\$20,000
Total Income	\$470,143

EXPENSE

Salaries / Payroll Expense	\$275,951
Bank / Credit Card Charges	\$1,452
Employee Benefits	\$17,644
Printing / Postage	\$4,659
Events / Projects	\$113,268
Accounting / Legal Services	\$3,726
Repairs / Maintenance / Supplies	\$10,113
Office Lease & Utilities	\$20,776
Other	\$4,925
Total Expense	\$452,514



ABOUT US

CAIR-Chicago is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization registered in Illinois. It is the local chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations, the nation's largest Muslim Civil Rights organization with over 30 chapters in North America.

CAIR was founded in 1994 and is headquartered in Washington, D.C.; the Chicago office, located in the heart of the city's downtown business district, is currently in its 3rd year of operation.

CAIR's Vision

To be a leading advocate for justice and mutual understanding.

CAIR's Mission

To enhance understanding of Islam, encourage dialogue, protect civil liberties, empower American Muslims, and build coalitions that promote justice and mutual understanding.

CAIR's Core Values

1. CAIR supports free enterprise, freedom of religion and freedom of expression.
2. CAIR is committed to protecting the civil rights of all Americans, regardless of faith.
3. CAIR opposes domestic policies that limit civil rights, permit racial, ethnic or religious profiling, infringe on due process, or prevent Muslims and others from participating fully in American civic life.
4. CAIR supports domestic policies that promote civil rights, diversity and freedom of religion.
5. CAIR is a natural ally of groups, religious or secular, that advocate justice and human rights in America and around the world.
6. CAIR supports foreign policies that help create free and equitable trade, encourage human rights and promote representative government based on socio-economic justice.
7. CAIR believes the active practice of Islam strengthens the social and religious fabric of our nation.
8. CAIR condemns all acts of violence against civilians by any individual, group or state.
9. CAIR advocates dialogue between faith communities both in America and worldwide.

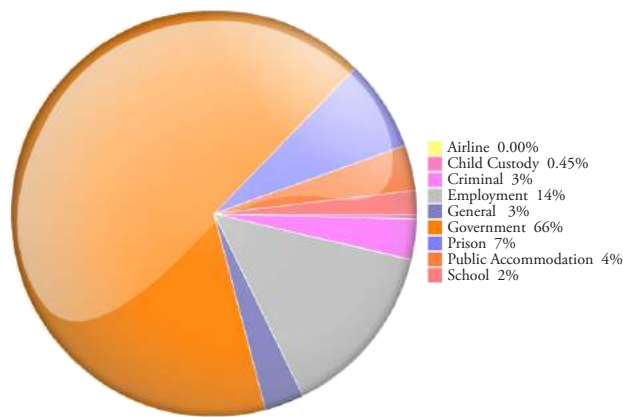
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Civil Rights

For the second year in a row, our case totals have nearly doubled from the previous year. In 2006, 412 cases were reported to the Civil Rights Department. This phenomenon illustrates the growing need for Muslims to have ready access to legal representation and advocacy in order to protect their civil rights. It is also a clear indicator of the urgency that our Civil Rights Department faces to expand its services as per the community's demand.

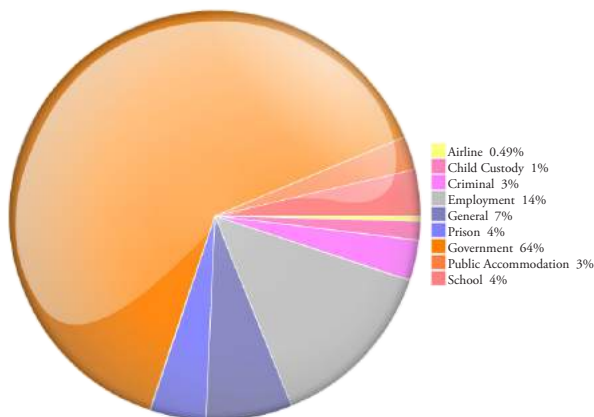
Number of Cases Reported in 2006 412

Airline	2
Government	262
Child Custody	6
Prison	18
Criminal	13
Public Accommodation	11
Employment	57
School	15
General	28



Total Active Cases from 2006 220

Airline	0
Government	146
Child Custody	1
Prison	16
Criminal	7
Public Accommodation	8
Employment	31
School	4
General	7



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Civil Rights (continued)

Projects Launched in 2006

- **Free Campus Coalition**
 - o The Free Campus Coalition aims to protect and advocate for the right of faculty, staff and students to engage freely in intellectual exploration and discourse on American university and college campuses. It will provide a network of support to faculty, staff and students whose academic freedom is in peril. The coalition was founded when a local university adjunct professor was not re-hired after entertaining questions about Zionism in a World Religions class. This project is coordinated by Attorney Rima Kapitan.
- **Coalition to Protect People's Rights**
 - o The Coalition to Protect People's Rights (CPPR), was formed in order to raise public awareness about the United States government's violation of Mr. Muhammad Salah's due process rights. The Coalition, which is comprised of civil rights groups, human rights groups, community-based organizations, and concerned individuals, advocates for the safeguarding of people's rights protected by the United States' Constitution and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Throughout the past year, the Civil Rights Department has worked to mobilize the community around the issue by sponsoring events, fostering public discussion on the case, and urging community members to attend the trial. (A verdict was recently delivered with Salah being found not guilty of

terrorism-related charges.)

Ongoing Projects

- **Citizenship Delay Project**
 - o This project received 146 cases in the year 2006. The Citizenship Delay Project aims, by political and legal means, to end the lengthy delays in the citizenship process for Muslims applying for citizenship. In 2006, CAIR-Chicago filed a class action law suit with the National Immigrant Justice Center and Competition Law Group. As a result of the class action and several individual law suits filed on behalf of individuals delayed in obtaining citizenship, many who have been delayed were granted citizenship. This project is led by Heena Musabji, Staff Attorney.



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Civil Rights (continued)

- **Employment Discrimination Project**
 - o This project seeks to help Muslims facing religious discrimination in the workplace. 57 cases of employment discrimination were reported in 2006, many resolved positively through negotiations and mediations with employers. This project is coordinated by Amy Chiang and overseen by Maaria Mozaffar, Legal Advisor.

- **Prison Project**
 - o This project looks to secure the rights of Muslim inmates to practice their religion freely as well as to ensure that inmates are treated humanely. This project is coordinated by Ausaf Farooqi.

- **Police Misconduct Project**
 - o This project advocates and represents clients in cases of police misconduct. In 2006, 14 cases of police misconduct were reported to the Civil Rights Department. This project is coordinated by Ahsan Latif and overseen by Civil Rights Coordinator Christina Abraham and Attorney Rima Kapitan.

- **Travel Free Project**
 - o This project seeks to look into complaints of Muslims being detained upon re-entry to the country when traveling due to their names being put on a “watch list” by the

Transportation and Security Administration (TSA). In 2006, 11 such cases were received by the project.

Civil Rights Outreach

The Civil Rights Department has sponsored and participated in events pertaining to the struggle for civil liberties by Muslims in America. The following is a selection of events that the Civil Rights Department held during the 2006 year.

- An Informational Evening on Civil Liberties and Rights
- Town Hall Meeting on USA PATRIOT Act in Highland Park
- Citizenship Delay Workshop at Islamic Society of Northwest Suburbs
- Citizenship Delay Workshop at Mosque Foundation
- Citizenship Delay: Hear About the Issue from Government Representatives
- A Muslim Woman’s Guide to Her Civil Rights

- Increased Security: Necessity or Excuse?
- International Day to Shut Down Guantanamo
- The Current Threat to Civil Liberties



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CAIR-Chicago also attended quarterly government (DHS/FBI/CBP/ICE/UCIS) roundtable discussions meant to increase dialogue and understanding between members of the Muslim community and the government agencies that serve them.

CAIR-Chicago helped facilitate a retreat in Peoria, IL that brought together FBI leadership from the Springfield office and Muslim leadership from around Illinois. The productive daylong program helped participants diffuse stigma, exchange concerns, and increase mutual understanding.

Communications/Media

CAIR has continued its proactive work in challenging Media outlets and individuals who misrepresent or defame Islam and Muslims. To present accurate information about Islam and Muslims to the American public, we

regularly provide interviews to television, radio and newspapers, while engaging in letter writing and opinion editorials, and serving as a resource for the media on issues of interest to the American Muslim community.

This year, one of the biggest challenges was mobilizing the Muslim community in response to the negative caricatures of Prophet Muhammad^(pbuh) depicted in a Danish publication. CAIR launched a public relations campaign to not only inform the media that printing the cartoons offended Muslims worldwide and represented a lack of integrity on the media's part but also began educating the American public by giving out free books and DVDs on the Prophet.

Some of CAIR-Chicago's 2006 Communications Department Highlights include:

- Met with local newspaper editors to



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discuss coverage of hot button issues including: Islamophobia, the Iraq war, terrorism, the Danish cartoon controversy, and the Middle East conflict

- Called timely press conferences on breaking news affecting Chicago's Muslim community
- Delivered lectures and held workshops on communication and media activism at Chicago's top Universities
- Administered CAIR-Chicago's Media Monitor program, a watchdog project that flags and responds to bigoted positions against Muslims in the mainstream press
- Published numerous commentaries and Op-Ed pieces in newspapers and websites
- 2006 was a busy year for CAIR-Chicago's media department. CAIR-Chicago was featured, quoted, or reported on locally, nationally, and globally 151 times in print news, 64 on broadcast news (TV), and 32 on radio. News agencies included:
 - **Newspapers:** *Chicago Tribune, Chicago Sun-Times, Daily Herald, Daily*



Southtown, Southwest Daily Herald, Washington Post, Orlando Sentinel, Northwest Indiana Times, Die Zeit (Germany), Thueringer Allgemeine (Germany), and the International Herald Tribune (France) among others

- **News wires:** AP, Reuters, AFP, Medill, and Kyodo (Japan)

- **Magazines:** *Chicago Parent, Ms. Magazine, Time Magazine, Crain's (Chicago Business), Time Out Chicago, and Streetwise*

- **Television:** CBS 2, NBC 5, ABC 7, WGN 9, PBS 11 (WTTW), FOX 32, MSNBC, CNN, FOX News, HDNews, and BBC World

- **Radio:** WBBM 780AM, WLS 890AM, KKMS 980AM (Minnesota), 98FM (Dublin, Ireland), Chicago Public Radio (NPR), and BBC Radio

- Convened a community and media Townhall Meeting with ICNA-Chicago at the Islamic Foundation to address the Danish Cartoon Controversy; 1,000 community members attended. Held a Townhall meeting at the University of Illinois on the same topic
- Appeared as guests on popular news programs including: Chicago Tonight with Phil Ponce, BBC HARDtalk with

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Stephen Sackur, The Situation with Tucker Carlson, and Worldview with Jerome McDonnell

- Appeared as part of a special panel of experts on an ABC 9/11 special
- Spoke at journalism conferences including the SPJ (Society of Professional Journalism) conference and the Casey Center for Journalism conference, advising the audience of reporters on how to better cover Muslim issues
- Partnered with the University of Chicago for the second annual *Understanding Islam* program with Dr. John Esposito as co-Panelist. (Last year, CAIR-Chicago's co-panelists were the editors of the Chicago Tribune)
- Initiated the *Chicago Tribune Review* project in which the paper's yearlong reporting and editorializing on Muslim-related topics was assessed for fairness and accuracy

Government Relations

Our Government Relations Department works simultaneously to organize the Chicagoland Muslim community, train volunteers and young leaders in the political process, and cultivate relationships with elected officials on the federal, state, and local levels.

CAIR-Chicago remains at the forefront of Chicago's American-Muslim grassroots mobilization through a variety of projects. The Government Relations Department's flagship *Project O* organizes, mobilizes, and empowers the Muslim community by initiating voter education and turnout. It also works with elected officials to address short-term and long-term civil rights issues.

Lastly, the Government Relations Department builds alliances and coalitions with prominent civil rights and immigrant rights organizations around the Chicagoland area. As an active member of several different coalitions, CAIR-Chicago works to empower the minority community.

Some of CAIR-Chicago's 2006 Government Relations Highlights include:

- Participated in immigration reform rallies in the Chicago metropolitan area and called for comprehensive immigration

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reform

- Worked with the Illinois Coalition on Immigrant and Refugee Rights (ICIRR) to co-sponsor a National Day of Citizenship Event for the Chicagoland immigrant community
- Served on the Governor's Racial Profiling Taskforce alongside several civil rights organizations and law enforcement agencies to make recommendations and work on eliminating racial profiling
- Held meetings between candidates during the 2006 primary election, discussed issues of concern to the Muslim community, and discussed candidates' positions on issues such as civil rights and immigration reform
- Participated in several conferences on comprehensive immigration reform and civil rights and liberties of immigrants and cultivated relationships with national coalitions
- Met with members of Congress in Washington, D.C. and initiated dialogue for comprehensive immigration reform
- Co-sponsored a National Day of

Citizenship with ICIRR and many other organizations to bring immigrants together and demand immigration reform

- Co-sponsored the New Americans Democracy Project (NADP) in the third congressional district and hired a full-time community organizer to increase voter registration and voter turnout, registering 1,000 new voters
- Conducted a full scale *Get Out the Vote* Campaign before and during Election Day and increased voter registration by 80 percent and voter turnout in some areas by 50 percent
- Debuted the Voter Education Project to educate the community about the electoral process and produced the *CAIR-Chicago Voter Education Guide 2006* for Election Day. A first of its kind for the Muslim community



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- Conducted political activism and civic engagement workshops at mosques and universities while helping students plan political strategies for their schools
- Co-sponsored workshops with community-based grassroots organizations to train community members on civil duty and introductory level government classes
- Facilitated meetings with members of Congress around the war in Lebanon, asking for a call for a ceasefire and proactive legislation around the issue

Outreach

By far the year's biggest outreach effort was the national *Explore the Life of the Prophet* campaign, as a response to the cartoon controversy, which sparked international uproar. Turning this unfortunate news into an opportunity to educate, CAIR initiated a campaign whereby anyone interested could order a free copy of the *Legacy of the Prophet* (pbuh) DVD and a book about the life of the Prophet (pbuh). This project received major news coverage from National Public Radio, ABC World News Tonight, and USA Today, among other news agencies. More than 15,000 copies of the DVD have been requested so far and numerous recipients have expressed their appreciation.

With a nurturing of activism at the grassroots level, CAIR-Chicago had its most successful year

ever with its internship program designed to train high school and college students in media relations, political activism, civil rights and community relations.

Interfaith

The Building Bridges to Islam lecture series sponsored by CAIR-Chicago and the Elderhostel enjoyed a second strong year in 2006. The program

hosted 600 Christians, Jews and others, in a series of 8 full-day programs held at the Islamic Community Center of Des Plaines mosque. The highly-rated program included lectures, Q & A sessions, open panel discussion, dinner, mosque tour, and prayer service.



Muslims Care

As part of Muslims Care (www.muslimscare.org), a national campaign promoting community service, CAIR-Chicago organized

several community service events throughout the year 2006. Events included blood drives, feeding the homeless, and building a home on Chicago's Southside with *Habitat for Humanity*.

Open Mosque Series

In 2006, CAIR-Chicago launched the *Open Mosque Series* which ran detailed features on local mosques, every couple of weeks, in an attempt to strengthen the bonds between the various Muslim and non-Muslim communities of Illinois.

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University / Academia

CAIR-Chicago's leadership delivered keynote speeches at eight universities in the United States including the University of Illinois, the University of Chicago, and the University of Minnesota.

Ramadan Outreach

CAIR-Chicago was in full-swing with its outreach efforts to the community in Ramadan 2006.

CAIR-Chicago coordinated presentations on its services and updates on its progress during the *Taraweeh* (night prayer) gatherings in 16 mosques, both in the Chicagoland area and the Midwest.

Internship/Externship Program

CAIR-Chicago has partnered with several universities and law schools to pioneer a for-credit and non-for-credit internship/externship program:

Internship programs are available through:

Brown University
College of DuPage
Columbia College
DePaul University
Loyola University
Moraine Valley Community College
Northeastern Illinois University
Northern Illinois University
Northwestern University
Robert Morris College
Roosevelt University
University of Chicago
University of Illinois at Chicago

Externship programs are available through:

Chicago-Kent College of Law
DePaul College of Law
Florida State University College of Law
Indiana University School of Law
John Marshall Law School
Northwestern University School of Law
Rutgers School of Law
UCLA School of Law
University of Chicago Law School
University of Washington School of Law
University of Wisconsin Law School

CAIR-Chicago hosted a total of 63 Interns/Externs in the year 2006, and currently has a database of over 100 active volunteers.



Friday Sermons (*Khutbahs*)

CAIR-Chicago delivers weekly *Khutbahs* at some of Chicago's largest Mosques in an effort to promote key civic and humanitarian ideals

fostered in Islam's teachings, and to bridge the mosque audience with the field work that CAIR-Chicago administers.

International Outreach

CAIR-Chicago hosted several international delegations of Muslim scholars and activists from the Philippines, Myanmar, Palestine, Italy, Kyrgyzstan, Denmark, and England. CAIR-Chicago staff also presented to international audiences in Denmark, England, Turkey, and Egypt.

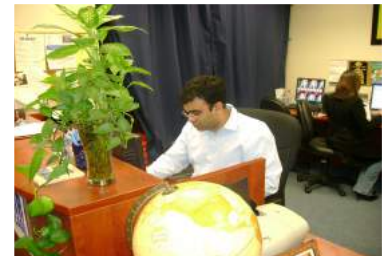
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ROD R. BLAGOJEVICH
 GOVERNOR


February 11, 2007


GREETINGS

As Governor of the State of Illinois, I am pleased to welcome everyone gathered for the **Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR) – Chicago's Third Annual Banquet**.

I commend the Council on American Islamic Relations - Chicago for your ongoing commitment to serving the needs of Chicago's Muslim population and working toward ensuring justice and civil rights for all the communities you serve. Not only are your efforts instrumental in helping Muslims integrate into their communities and develop a sense of belonging in this large, multicultural city, but also helping to empower them to have a voice in their communities and make a genuine difference in our ever-growing global society. Each person in attendance for this event is to be commended for your commitment to advancing the well being of Muslims throughout Illinois and across the country, and I know you will use this occasion as an opportunity to advance your important work into the future.

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

Sincerely,

 Rod R. Blagojevich
 Governor



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
 CITY OF CHICAGO
 February 11, 2007

MICHAEL M. DALEY
 MAYOR


GREETINGS


As Mayor and on behalf of the City of Chicago, it is my pleasure to welcome everyone gathered for Council on American-Islamic Relations - Chicago Chapter's (CAIR-Chicago) Third Annual Banquet, *Rising to the Challenge: Courage, Commitment and Civic Duty*.

There are currently 400,000 Muslim Americans living in our city and Illinois is home to one of the largest Muslim populations in the United States. Through advocacy, political empowerment, community outreach and other programs that promote understanding, CAIR-Chicago is dedicated to protecting the rights of our Muslim residents.

For years, CAIR-Chicago has worked tirelessly to develop programs to ensure a better quality of life for all of our citizens. I commend CAIR-Chicago for its hard work and offer you my best wishes for much continued success.

May you all have an enjoyable and memorable event.

Sincerely,

 Mayor



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February 11, 2007

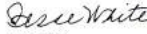
CAIR-Chicago
 Council on American-Islamic Relations
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Dear Friends:

As Illinois Secretary of State, it is indeed an honor to welcome you to CAIR – Chicago's annual banquet. I am happy to extend my best wishes and warmest greetings to all who have gathered to partake in this noteworthy event.

I applaud and commend the Council on American-Islamic Relations for its stellar efforts and commitment in helping to ensure justice, civil rights, and the ending of discriminatory practices throughout the communities you dutifully serve. Your dedication embodies the very essence of our society's steady pursuit of social, racial and economic equality for all. Through the resilience of organizations such as yours, the message of peace, multiculturalism, equal opportunity and inclusion continues to have a meaningful and positive effect on our nation.

Again, welcome to this memorable and inspirational banquet. I know that you will continue to find generous support for your humanitarian and democratic endeavors.

Sincerely,

 Jesse White
 Secretary of State



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TODD H. STROGER
 PRESIDENT

January 31, 2007

Ahmed M. Rehab
 Executive Director
 Chicago Chapter
 Council on American-Islamic Relations
 28 East Jackson Blvd., Suite 1410
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Dear Mr. Rehab:

Please accept my warm greetings to you and the members of CAIR – Chicago as you come together to hold your 3rd Annual Banquet on Sunday, February 11, 2007.

I wish to congratulate you and express my appreciation for the vital work you continue to do in assisting underserved communities in areas such as civil rights defense and advocacy, media outreach, public relations and voter registration.

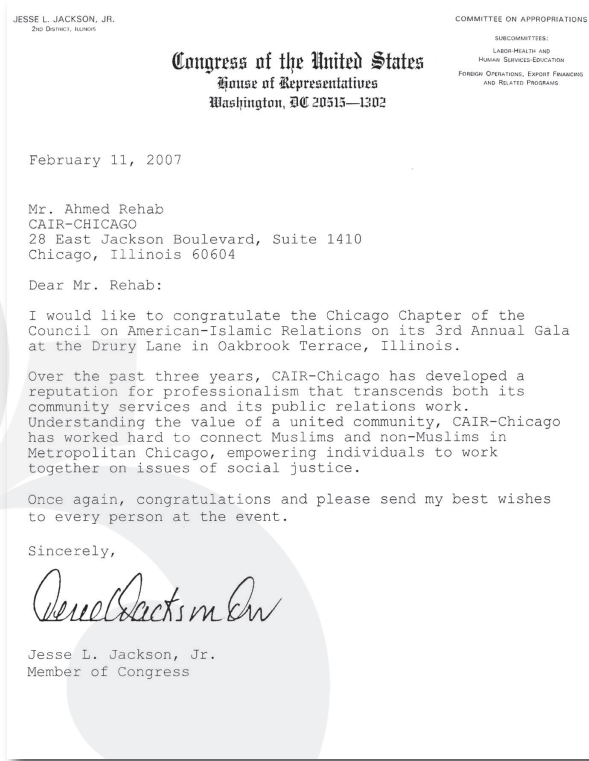
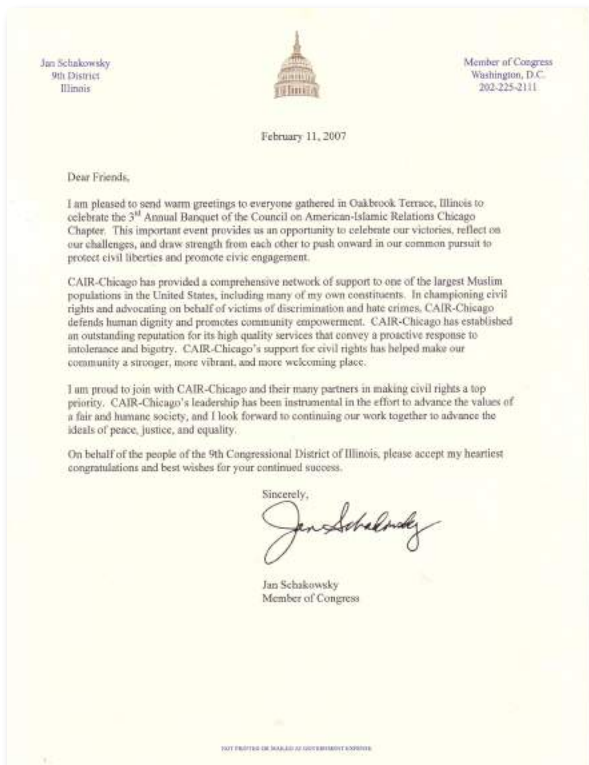
I commend you and your colleagues at CAIR – Chicago on the deep sense of mission you bring to your efforts, and the myriad achievements you have accomplished in your ongoing work with many of the citizens of Cook County.

Sincerely,


 Todd H. Stroger
 President



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February 1, 2007

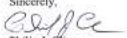
Mr. Ahmed M. Rehab
Executive Director
Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR-Chicago)
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Dear Mr. Rehab:


On behalf of the Chicago Police Department, I would like to welcome everyone attending the Third Annual Banquet, of the Council on American-Islamic Relations Chicago Chapter. With the country's second largest Muslim population living in the Chicagoland area, I am pleased to offer my support to CAIR-Chicago.

CAIR-Chicago has shown itself to be a strong partner in our community. Through its years of service this organization has become a valued member of our Chicagoland community. CAIR-Chicago has sought to educate the Department on all aspects of Chicago's Muslim Community. Some of these common values are respect for family, societal commitment, morality, and a dedication to civil rights. All of which I believe lead to a safer Chicago. In protecting the Rights of Liberties of Chicago's Muslims, CAIR-Chicago has benefited all Chicagoans.

At this time I would reiterate my commitment to Chicago's Muslim Community and to CAIR-Chicago. We realize in order to make Chicago the Safest Big City in the nation we need the support of the communities we serve. The Chicago Police Department is proud to have your support. My congratulations and continued success, I look forward to strengthening the relationship between the Chicago Police Department and our Muslim community.

Sincerely,

Philip J. Cline
Superintendent of Police

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February 1, 2007

Ahmed Rehab, Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Rehab,


I respectfully wish to congratulate CAIR – Chicago on the happy occasion of your 3rd annual event of continued commitment to a safety in our great City of Chicago.




CAPS believes that the strength of any community lies in the propensity of its citizens to serve the common good; CAIR – Chicago has been an impressive agent of community organizing. Such organizations as yours, understands the role of individual responsibility in keeping neighborhoods safe and vibrant and providing leadership to a sense of civic duty and volunteerism among Chicago Muslims.

We are proud to call CAIR – Chicago a partner of Chicago's Alternative Community Policing Strategy whose sole mission of the Implementation Office is to foster partnerships among community residents and institutional stakeholders, police and other City agencies to pro-actively address chronic crime and disorder problems across Chicago.

As American Muslims face a unique set of challenges, it is imperative that they not lose hope or morale and to continue to live out their positive ideals and values.

I offer my heartfelt regards to the leadership and members of CAIR – Chicago and my wishes for many more bright years of serving Chicago.

Sincerely,

Vance T. Henry
Director of CAPS

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February 5, 2007


Mr. Ahmed M. Rehab
Executive Director
Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) - Illinois Chapter
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Chicago, IL 60604

Dear Mr. Rehab,

Thank you for the opportunity you extended to me to attend the 3rd Annual Banquet of the CAIR Midwest Chapter on February 11, 2007. I expect to attend the Banquet and will be present with other members of the Chicago Field Office.


As you and I have discussed on several occasions, the national security of the United States and the protection of the civil rights of all Americans remain some of the highest priorities of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. We have demonstrated our dedication, both historically as well as recently, here in Chicago. In order to effectively protect our citizens, our guests and even the undocumented people that live and work in our communities, we need the support and cooperation of the American people. The development of understanding and the building of trust in the communities we protect is the foundation on which all American justice is effectively discharged. Your dedication to open and honest communication and understanding, even in disagreement, has embodied the principles of a civil and democratic society and brings credit to your leadership. For that you have our tremendous appreciation.

We share a common goal to develop and strengthen the public confidence and trust in the American system of justice. Please extend to the personnel of your office our appreciation for their commitment to justice and national security.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Grant
Special Agent in Charge

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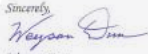
Mr. Ahmed M. Rehab, Executive Director
Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) - Illinois Chapter
28 East Jackson Blvd., Suite 1410
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Dear Mr. Rehab:


Thank you for your kind invitation to the 3rd Annual Banquet of the CAIR Midwest Chapter on February 11, 2007. It is with regret that I must decline your gracious invitation; however, I have a schedule conflict which precludes my attendance.

The protection of our national security and the protection of the civil rights of all Americans are among the FBI's highest priorities. As a result, the FBI works with a variety of community and civil rights advocacy organizations to achieve the goal of safe, secure and crime-free communities in which the rights of all are protected. I greatly appreciate and value the open lines of communication which have been established between your office and the Springfield Division of the FBI. Your commitment to maintaining a dialog leading to the frank and honest exchange of ideas, concerns and recommendations on issues affecting the communities we mutually serve is laudable.

Please accept my congratulations on the occasion of your 3rd Annual Banquet and I look forward to our continued, mutual commitment to protecting our national security and the rights of all Americans.

Sincerely,

Weyuan Dun
Special Agent in Charge

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Mr. Ahmed M. Rehab
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Dear Mr. Rehab:

Thank you for your invitation to attend the 3rd Annual CAIR-Chicago Banquet on Sunday, February 11, 2007. I am honored to be part of this event.

I would like to commend the Chicago chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations for its exceptional work to educate the community on civic engagement and participation. CAIR-Chicago's success in providing outstanding service to one of the largest Muslim populations in the United States is a remarkable accomplishment. As City Clerk of Chicago, I will continue to support CAIR-Chicago's efforts to serve the needs of the Chicagoland community.

Again, thank you for your invitation. I look forward to attending this event. My best wishes for your continued success.

Sincerely,

Miguel del Valle
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Congratulations

It gives me great pleasure to extend my best wishes and congratulations to Cair-Chicago on its 3rd Annual Banquet. This event brings together people that care about the ideals of fairness, equal justice, and opportunity for all. The very ideals this great nation is built on.


As the Mayor of the Village of Bridgeview, a town with a substantial number of Arab and Muslim constituents, I see the true picture of hardworking, law abiding American Muslims contributing to the prosperity and well being of Bridgeview everyday. Cair-Chicago is committed to projecting the same image, I see everyday in Bridgeview, to the rest America. This is a very important task given the troubled times we live in.

Cair-Chicago also helps those who face discrimination on the job and in everyday life. In doing so, Cair-Chicago joins a long list of honorable and well regarded organizations that have worked hard to safeguard the rights of disadvantaged Americans through out our history.

On behalf of myself and the Board of Trustees I wish you a most successful event.

Sincerely,

Mayor Steven M. Landek

THOMAS S. MAZAIIKA
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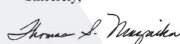
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Welcome To Oakbrook Terrace

As Mayor, and on behalf of the City Council, residents and businesses of the City of Oakbrook Terrace, it is my sincere pleasure and honor to welcome everyone to the Third Annual Banquet for the Council on American-Islamic Relations at the Drury Lane in Oakbrook Terrace.

CAIR-Chicago continues to work tirelessly to promote a fair and humane society, striving for the goals of peace, justice, and equality. The achievement of these goals benefits all residents in our communities and helps to re-enforce a strong and free democratic society.

CAIR-Chicago is to be commended for its efforts. Please accept my heartfelt congratulations and thank you all for your support of CAIR-Chicago.

Sincerely,

Thomas S. Mazaika,
Mayor

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS

February 11, 2007

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

On behalf of the Village of Harwood Heights, I wish to extend warm wishes and greetings to everyone gathered together to celebrate "Courage, Commitment and Civic Duty" and to the entire CAIR-Chicago Organization.

It is my sincere pleasure to join you and your colleagues in making civil liberties and civic education a priority. I congratulate you for your efforts to encourage civic participation and in fighting bigotry. In protecting constitutional and human rights, CAIR-Chicago promotes tolerance and inspires all of us to form a strong community bond.

Although Harwood Heights is a small town separate from Chicago, I believe that a real community has no borders. We are all friends and neighbors. We are all working for a greater understanding and treatment of each other, for peace and for justice to all. My wish to all of you, my friends, is continued success in all your very important work.

Sincerely,

Margaret Fuller
Village President
Village of Harwood Heights

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February 2, 2007

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Dear Friends,

I am writing to congratulate you on all your successes. We all owe you a debt of gratitude, not just the American-Islamic community in Chicago. Your record of advocating on behalf of local Muslims is truly extraordinary.

This past year, you also successfully started "Project O", registering thousands of new Muslim voters and providing an excellent educational resource. Also, praise has been showered upon you from all sources of media for everything that you've achieved.

I apologize that I am unable attend your 3rd Annual Banquet. However, I wish you the best with this event, and I appreciate your invitation. If I can ever be of service, please don't hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at 630-582-0390.

Sincerely,



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To My Friends at CAIR:

I would like to congratulate the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR)-Chicago on the organization's third annual event, celebrating yet another successful year of defending the rights of Muslim Americans.

Since its formation in 2004, the CAIR-Chicago has made many significant contributions to the city of Chicago and the surrounding communities.

In a state with one of the largest Muslim populations in the nation, CAIR's commitment to preserving the civil rights of all American citizens, regardless of their religion, ethnicity, creed or race is both admirable and, unfortunately, necessary.

It is a regrettable reality that our society is still plagued by the discrimination and prejudice of the uninformed and the willfully ignorant. CAIR's mission to both educate the public and protect the rights of Muslim Americans has benefited the Muslim community, our city, and the public as a whole.

The organization's successful advocacy work continues to positively impact the lives of thousands of Illinois residents. The introduction of CAIR's remarkably effective voter outreach program, "Project O", encouraged over 1,000 Muslim Americans to register to vote. This type of civic engagement and participation in the election process is crucial to involving the public in the electoral process so that they too have a voice.

I encourage the dedicated men and women on the Council of American Islamic Relations to carry on with their commitment to making this state and nation a better place to live. CAIR's ongoing effort to engage Muslim Americans in the political process, while fighting against persecution and injustice, is deserving of the most sincere respect and accolades.

In the future, I look forward to working alongside CAIR, to help this very important organization accomplish their mission to protect the fundamental rights of all American citizens.

Sincerely,

Christine Radogno
State Senator 41st District

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