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## Human Relations Commission Statement Against Defamation of Muslims

The City of Los Angeles Human Relations Commission stands with our Muslim brothers and sisters today as we categorically reject attempts that aim to target and isolate this community. We reaffirm our core values of religious pluralism and inclusion and stand ready to support efforts that build trust and dignity with our Muslim communities both locally and nationally.

Los Angeles is one of the most diverse cities in the world. We celebrate that diversity, regardless of our nations of origin, of the languages we speak in our home, of the religions we practice or choose not to practice, of our gender identities or preference of gender in whom we love, or of any other defining characteristics. The Los Angeles that thrives today is a city made stronger by our mutual respect for personal differences. Our city functions best when we unite around our shared commitment to goals that know no differences. These goals include economic prosperity, safety, stewardship of our natural resources, and equal opportunity for all.

When one group is defamed, we all suffer from the attack on the bonds of democracy. The Human Relations Commission reaches out to our Muslim neighbors with an embrace of comfort, of respect, and of renewed commitment to ensuring each other's personal freedoms.

The next Human Relations Commission meeting will be held at noon on December 13 at City Hall. We invite public comment at the meeting on steps the Commission can take to demonstrate solidarity with all our citizens. For additional details and/or or questions, please feel free to contact Francisco Ortega at [francisco.ortega@lacity.org](mailto:francisco.ortega@lacity.org).

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