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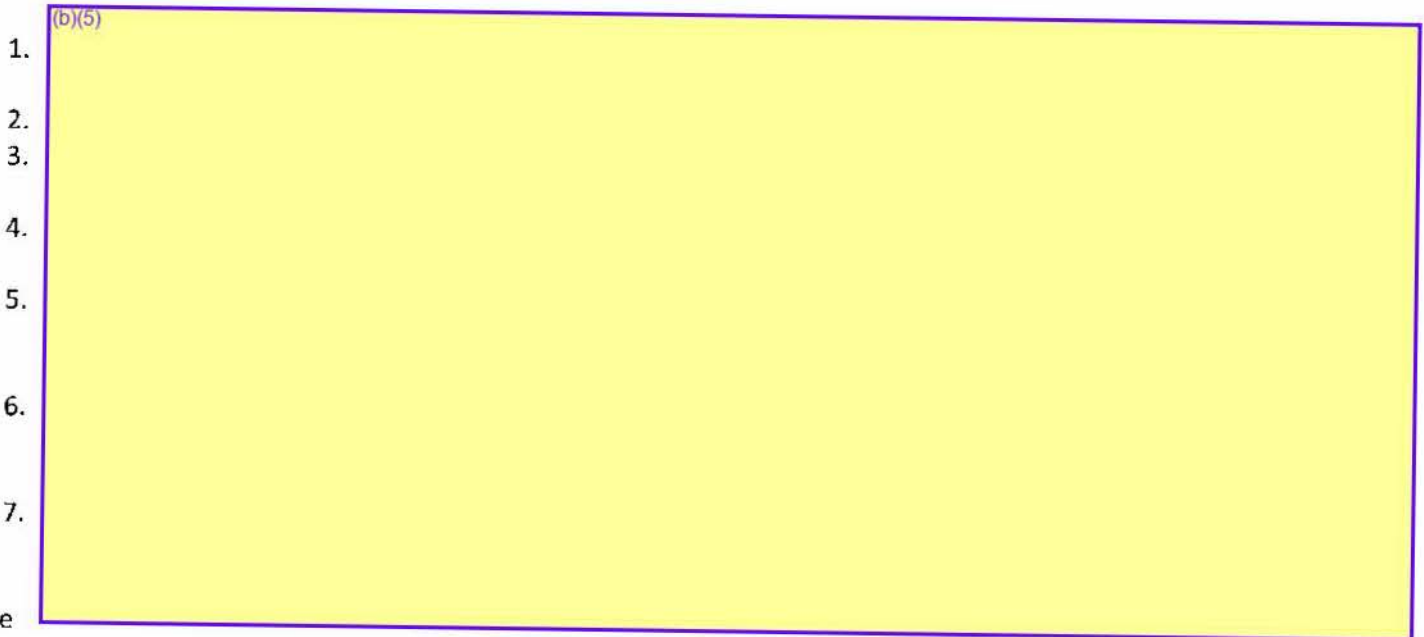
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**Subject:** issues for interagency meeting and pre-call information

Dear Interagency Colleague,

Below and attached are the issues submitted by the community groups for the interagency meeting with MASSA communities next **Thursday, November 5** from 1 to 3 pm at the Main Justice Building, room 5643.

I) As noted previously, we will host a pre-meeting conference call to discuss who will respond to which issue **this Monday, November 2 at 2:00pm**. Call in info is:

**Number:** (b)(5)  
**Passcode:** (b)(5)

You do not need to rsvp for the phone call. You *do* need to rsvp to me for Thursday's meeting.

II) The issues submitted by the groups are:

- A. (b)(5)
- B. (b)(5)
- C. (b)(5)
- D. (b)(5)
- E. (b)(5)

I am expecting (b)(5) tomorrow, which I will distributed as soon as I receive them.

Sincerely,

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*Memorandum*

10/21/2015

FROM: Muslim Public Affairs Council

TO: Participants of the Muslim, Sikh, Arab and South Asian Communities  
Interagency Meeting at the Department of Justice – Civil Rights Division

RE: FBI CVE Program

Dear Mr. Treene:

Thank you for inviting the Muslim Public Affairs Council to participate in the federal interagency meeting on November 5, 2015. We would like to share this memo as guidance for the following issue of concern on behalf of the American Muslim community.

### **FBI CVE Program**

1. On October 16, 2015 the FBI convened a "Community Focus Group" which comprised of faith and community-based groups to have the "opportunity to review FBI products regarding the community's involvement in deterring violent extremism and [to] provide constructive feedback on this endeavor."

We learned that the FBI wants to partner with communities on prevention and intervention efforts in order to counter violent extremism. Through this partnership, the FBI would establish a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with a community group called Shared Responsibility Committees (SRC), which comprises of professionals equipped to deal with mental health issues, family counseling, religious literacy, etc. The established MOU with the SRC is the FBI's effort to creating partnerships and increasing intelligence sharing between law enforcement and local communities. The aim of the SRC is to rehabilitate an individual who has been identified by the FBI.

Additionally, we were briefed on a new web-based program aimed at high school students (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade), set to launch on November 2, 2015. This program focuses on educating our youth on violent extremism. Educating our youth on countering violent extremism and those who become extremists and identifying various ideologies through a web-based program designed as a game can lead to unintended negative implications, including being bullied. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 20 percent of students in grades 9-12 experience bullying, 15 percent of high school students are cyber-bullied and the frequency of students being bullied is disturbingly high, with 40 percent of students experiencing being bullied more than once a month.

a. The FBI should support local communities and community-based programs in their efforts to maintain safety and security. In light of the FBI's role for criminal investigations and prosecutions, the FBI should not have the lead involvement in CVE programs. We would like more information on where the SRC has been piloted and more details around the SRC and web-based programs.

Thank you for your time and consideration of these issues. Please continue to utilize MPAC as a resource to these and other issues. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [hoda@mpac.org](mailto:hoda@mpac.org) or at (202) 547-7701

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Re: Quarterly Interagency Agency Meeting – Civil Rights Division

Dear Mr. Treene,

I write in my official capacity as executive director at KARAMAH: Muslim Women Lawyers for Human Rights in advance of the scheduled federal interagency meeting on November 5, 2015. While there are many civil rights and civil liberties concerns affecting the Muslim American community, here KARAMAH is focusing on two major issues: prejudice in educational institutions and continued violations of religious freedom.

1. Prejudice in Educational Institutions

a. **The Issue:** For the past several years, KARAMAH has been focusing on how post 9/11 anti-Muslim sentiment is impacting young people, primarily middle and high school age students. As a part of our *Muslim American Stories* project, KARAMAH has been collecting stories from Muslim American youth who have experienced bullying, either by students, faculty or by institutions. For the past several years, Tennessee has been struggling with the issue of Islam being taught in social studies classes. Despite numerous failed attempts at banning the subject all together, it has come to our attention that now local city councils and school boards are being pressured to address the issue.<sup>1</sup> The community in White County, Tennessee has held a series of meetings and protests to ban the use of these books. While KARAMAH cannot at this time comment on the accuracy of content of these chapters, we are very concerned about the community's bias and prejudice against the education of Islam as a historical matter in public schools. Defenders of the books have begun to receive death threats (which have been reported to the appropriate authorities), and because of a meeting in late October, the books are now being reviewed once again.

b. **Queries:**

- i. What, if anything, can the Department of Justice ("DoJ") and Department of Education ("DoE") do to address this issue?
- ii. What remedies do students have if they are bullied as a result of this

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.wsmv.com/story/30310608/parents-school-leaders-to-discuss-islam-in-textbooks>  
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hostile environment, besides reporting on [stopbullying.gov](http://stopbullying.gov).

2. Religious Freedom – Constitutional Protections for All?

a. **The Issue:** It is becoming increasingly clear that while the U.S. Constitution protects the right of all religions to practice their faith, the message in our local communities is that religious freedom is only secured for some and not all. KARAMAH commends the U.S. Department of Justice for its recent victories on issues of religious freedom, and KARAMAH was happy to learn of the recent lawsuit that the DoJ filed in Michigan for yet another zoning denial of a mosque. That said, residents of Gwinnett County, Georgia are now protesting the use of land zoned for a mosque or church to be used for a Muslim cemetery.<sup>2</sup> Home to a large Bosniak population, some from the community have reported that they fear the cemetery because of the fact that it would bring more Muslims to the neighborhood. While others have cited the reduction of property value because of the proximity of the cemetery to residential areas, most comments are geared towards anti-Muslim sentiment.

b. **Queries:**

i. Will the DoJ file a lawsuit in this matter?

Finally, KARAMAH, along with other advocacy groups were in attendance at the FBI meeting referenced in MPAC's submission that you distributed yesterday. We add our voice of concern on this issue and look forward to addressing it with the DoJ and the DoE at the meeting.

KARAMAH looks forward to attending the interagency meeting and addressing these and other matters of concern to the Muslim American community. Should you need anything additionally, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best,

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Aisha Rahman, Esq.  
Executive Director

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<sup>2</sup> <http://news.blog.ajc.com/2015/10/27/gwinnett-leaders-deny-request-for-muslim-cemetery/>

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American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Department of Justice – Civil Rights Division  
**From:** American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC)  
**Date:** November 5, 2015  
**Re:** Interagency Meeting Agenda Items

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### Murder of Alex Odeh

On October 11th of 1985, Alex Odeh, ADC's Southern California Regional Director, was killed when a pipe bomb exploded as he unlocked and opened the door of the ADC office in Santa Ana, California. The Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) immediately identified three suspects, all reportedly affiliated with the Jewish Defense League ("JDL"). The case remains unresolved despite the FBI labeling the bombing an act of terrorism and designating an investigation into the bombing as a highest national priority.

Despite constantly calling for the U.S. Department of Justice and the FBI to conduct adequate investigation of Alex Odeh murder and criminally holding accountable the identified perpetrators, the perpetrators still remain at large thirty years later.

Given the above, ADC is inquiring as to (1) whether the DOJ and FBI have an active open investigation into Alex Odeh's murder; (2) whether the DOJ and FBI have acquired any additional information, facts, witness, and/or documents regarding Alex Odeh's murder; and (3) what plans/steps the DOJ and FBI are taking to bring the perpetrators to justice.

**Agencies Requested: DOJ and FBI**

### Syrian Refugees

ADC, in a joint letter with the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, wrote to President Obama requesting that the administration to take bold, exemplary action to address the ongoing refugee crisis that has evolved into one of the largest we have seen in recent history. ADC specifically urges the administration to accept and resettle at least 200,000 total refugees in the next fiscal year, including at least 100,000 Syrian refugees. Furthermore, ADC is troubled by the processing times of refugees, and encourages the administration take steps to expedite the processing of refugees.

**Requests:** What is being done to increase the totals, and to expedite the process?

**Agencies Requested: DOS and DHS**



American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee

### Delay in processing time for Yemeni nationals seeking U.S. VISAs

Due to the escalating humanitarian crisis in Yemen, DOS suspended embassy operations in Sana'a on February 11, 2015. All consular services, routine and emergency, continue to be suspended until further notice. This resulted in a delay of processing time for VISA applications. It has left Yemeni nationals stranded in Yemen, despite the fact that many have family members in the U.S. who are willing to take them in and save them from the humanitarian crisis in Yemen.

**Requests:** Expedite processing time for applications that are already pending

**Agencies Requested:** DHS

### Countering Violent Extremism Program

ADC shares the concerns expressed by the Muslim Public Affairs Council (MPAC), and partner organizations, regarding the FBI's implementation of the Shared Responsibility Committees (SRC). In an MOU provided to community organizations, it was established that the SRC is the FBI's effort to creating partnerships and increasing intelligence between law enforcement and local communities. Additionally, ADC shares concerns regarding the launch of the "Don't be a Puppet" web portal, targeting students. We strongly believe that such a program will lead to the targeting and bullying of Arab, Muslim, Sikh and South Asian students.

**Request:**

In a meeting with the FBI, ADC, along with partner organizations, expressed that the FBI should support local communities and community-based programs in their efforts to maintain safety and security. In light of the FBI's role for criminal investigation and prosecutions, the FBI should not have the lead involvement in CVE programs.

We would like more information on where the SRC has been piloted and more details around the SRC and web based program.

**Agencies Requested:** FBI, DHS and DOE

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