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NICSA Reaffirms Its American Story Commitment to Law and Openness to Constructive Dialogue

Northside Islamic Center of San Antonio invites elected officials, civic leaders, members of the media, and our neighbors to visit, engage, and learn about our community firsthand.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS — Northside Islamic Center of San Antonio (NICSA) today reaffirmed its longstanding commitment to faith, family, public service, the U.S. Constitution, and compliance with the laws of the United States, the State of Texas, and the local community. **NICSA unequivocally condemns terrorism, extremism, antisemitism, Islamophobia, hatred and violence in all forms.**

Recent public statements and allegations concerning the Northside Islamic Center of San Antonio (NICSA) and members of its religious leadership have understandably raised questions. We believe those questions deserve clear answers based on verified facts, complete context, and the actual record of our organization.

NICSA is an American religious and community institution built by families who proudly call San Antonio home. Our community includes physicians, engineers, educators, business owners, technology professionals, public servants, students, parents, and volunteers who work, raise families and contribute every day to the community and country we share.

For more than six years, NICSA has been part of the San Antonio community without a single unpleasant or adverse episode involving our organization and our neighbors. We believe that record speaks more clearly about who we are than any allegation or assumption.

We deeply value the freedoms guaranteed by the United States Constitution, including freedom of religion, speech and peaceful assembly. We also recognize the responsibilities that accompany those freedoms: respecting the law, serving our neighbors, educating responsible future generations and contributing positively to society.

NICSA exists to provide worship, education, youth and family programs, charitable service and community engagement.

OUR POSITION IS CLEAR

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This is not a position adopted because of recent controversy. NICSA's governing principles reflect our longstanding commitment to lawful and peaceful conduct and our rejection of terrorism, violence, extremism and unlawful activity.

We respect the responsibility of elected officials to protect our nation and examine legitimate concerns. At the same time, serious allegations concerning any American religious or civic institution should be evaluated fairly—based on evidence, complete context, governing documents and actual conduct rather than assumptions about a community or its faith.

OUR DOORS ARE OPEN

To Congressman Chip Roy, other elected officials, civic leaders, members of the media and our neighbors: we invite you to visit NICSA.

Meet our leadership and families. See our programs. Review our governing principles. Ask questions directly—even difficult ones.

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We may not agree on every religious, social or political issue. That is part of living in a free country. But we believe judgments about an American religious institution should be based on verified facts and actual conduct, not assumptions about its faith.

NICSA will continue worshipping peacefully, educating our children, supporting families, serving our neighbors, and contributing to San Antonio.

We ask our community to respond to this moment with patience, dignity, wisdom, and respect, and we ask public officials, the media, and our neighbors to evaluate NICSA fairly and on the facts.

We are Muslims. We are Americans. We are Texans. And San Antonio is our home.

Our doors are open.

ABOUT NICSA

Northside Islamic Center of San Antonio (NICSA) is a faith-based nonprofit religious and community organization (like a church) serving San Antonio-area families through worship, education, youth and family programming, charitable service, and community engagement.

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