



Executive Order 2016-5

November 22, 2016

Establishing the Muslim-American Advisory Board

WHEREAS, according to the F.B.I., hate crimes nationally have increased against Muslim-Americans by 67% since 2014; and

WHEREAS, regardless of religious affiliation, the City of Providence welcomes and encourages religious freedom, religious expression and is committed to protecting the civil liberties of all Americans;

WHEREAS, discrimination will not be tolerated or accepted in any way towards any citizen of our city because of race, ethnicity, national origin, language, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, political affiliation, religion, physical or mental disability;

WHEREAS, the City of Providence is focused on promoting a compassionate and forward-thinking Providence;

WHEREAS, the Elorza Administration realizes that a society that reflects values such as equity, inclusion, and respect for the dignity of every individual that lives amongst us is paramount to the success of our community;

NOW THEREFORE, do I, Jorge O. Elorza, Mayor of the City of Providence, order the following, effective immediately:

1. The *Muslim-American Advisory Board* is hereby created.
2. The goals and duties of this Advisory Board shall include the following:
 - a. The Advisory Board will serve to create a system that better serves and empowers the Muslim American community in Providence; and
 - b. The Advisory Board will help guide Mayor Elorza's policy decisions that affect Muslim-Americans in Providence by reviewing and discussing issues that directly and indirectly affect this community; and
 - c. The Advisory Board will work to enhance the understanding of the religion of Islam by encouraging dialogue and promoting mutual understanding amongst religions.
3. The Advisory Board shall meet no less than twice per year.
4. The Advisory Board shall be chaired by the Mayor or his designee. The Advisory Board shall include five (5) members appointed by the Mayor.
5. Members of the Advisory Board shall serve a term of two (2) years. No member of the Board shall continue in office after his or her term expires without being reappointed.
6. This Executive Order shall remain in full force and effect until it is repealed.

Jorge O. Elorza

Mayor

Dated: November 22, 2016

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WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT
THE SAME BE ENFORCED.
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