



Greater Santa Barbara Clergy Association

On behalf of the Islamic Society of Santa Barbara, we would like to express our deepest gratitude and heartfelt appreciation to the Santa Barbara Clergy Association and to all the religious leaders and community members who stood with us today in such a beautiful and meaningful expression of solidarity and compassion.

We sincerely thank the leaders and representatives from the Jewish, Christian, Buddhist, Sikh, and many other faith communities who came together to support us during this painful time. Thank you to all the pastors, rabbis, priests, chaplains, and religious leaders whose presence today carried a powerful message of unity, humanity, and peace.

On behalf of myself, Imam Wael Hegazy, and all members of the Islamic Society of Santa Barbara, we are truly grateful to all of you and your wonderful community members for standing beside us. Your kindness, prayers, and support touched our hearts deeply.

While we continue to grieve the tragic loss of innocent souls who sacrificed themselves protecting children at the Islamic Center of San Diego, what you did today brought comfort and relief to our hearts. You reminded us that we are not alone — that we have neighbors, friends, brothers, and sisters who are willing to share our pain just as they share moments of joy and celebration with us.

Words cannot fully express our gratitude and appreciation for what we witnessed today. It was a powerful example of what true community, compassion, and solidarity look like.

May God bless all of you, protect all of our communities, and allow us to continue living together in peace, love, mutual respect, and support for one another.

Thank you again from the bottom of our hearts.

Imam Wael Hegazy
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