



The Muslim Community Association of San Francisco Bay Area

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Dear MCA Friends - As Salaamu Alaikum;

Wednesday, December 30, 2020

First, I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits of Iman, inshaAllah.

Second, few weeks ago the MCA Executive Board (EB) appointed an Ad hoc financial planning and development committee to urgently review MCA finances and provide guidance on managing income and expenses for 2021 given the significant drop in donations in 2020 due to Covid-19.

Third, the general findings and comments from the committee includes - financial structure, donation income, PPP loan, major expenses, and balance sheet. Specific recommendations includes - budget, financial development, fundraising, financial reporting, reduction of expenses, facilities management, bookstore, schools (such as Noon Hifz, Cordoba, Arqam, Weekend Islamic School), Dawah and Social Committee expenses, and MCA's ongoing engagement both internally and externally.

Fourth, I understand many of the decisions we will make over the next few weeks will not be made lightly without proper consultation with the impacted parties, and engaging with all the stakeholders, and only then implementing these changes. In addition, all alternatives to fundraising will be tried to bridge the gap. Also, we will be taking full advantage of the recent offer of second round of PPP loan from the federal government (Congress \$900 Billion COVID-19 Relief Package) to protect the well-being of the MCA as we move fast on committees recommendations in January 2021 so as not to prolong the bleeding, and impact the long term viability of the institution. Executive Board will share more information on the committee's recommendations in our upcoming Semi-Annual General Body - Zoom-Meeting on Saturday, January 9, 2021 from 7:30p to 9:30p.

Fifth, having said that, we're reminded in Surah Fatir يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ أَنْتُمُ الْفُقَرَاءُ إِلَى اللَّهِ وَاللَّهُ هُوَ الْغَنِيُّ الْحَمِيدُ (35:15) - - O people, it is you who stand in need of Allah; as for Allah, He is Self-Sufficient, Immensely Praiseworthy. Our Nabi (pbuh), said: "Give charity without delay, for it stands in the way of calamity." (Al-Tirmidhi).

Sixth, I am requesting you to donate generously to the MCA - <https://www.mcabayarea.org/donate/> for Allah SWT's pleasure and also take advantage of the year-end tax benefits.

Finally, I hope you're having have a nice and warm holiday break with joy and peace, inshaAllah. JazakAllah Khair,

Kind Regards, *Mohammed Nadeem, Ph.D.*, President, MCA.

