



STATEMENT REGARDING ANTI-MUSLIM HATE SPEECH

Santa Ana, Calif. (April 12, 2026) – All people of good conscience must condemn hate speech against any group. Whether based on ethnic origin or religion, it can never be tolerated.

I stand with the Muslim community in condemnation of the recent vile and disgusting Islamophobic attacks on the Islamic Society of Orange County (“ISOC”).

I have personally witnessed ISOC’s service to not only the Muslim community but the broader Orange County family. It has assisted the unhoused, provided groceries to the food insecure, stood up educational programs, and participated in interfaith partnerships.

At the last meeting, the OC Board of Supervisors recognized the contributions of the community by recognizing Eid Al Fitr for the first time.

Sadly, we must now focus on the safety and well-being of our neighbors who attend services, and the over 500 young students enrolled in school on the ISOC campus.

My office is committed to working with the Orange County Muslim community to advise and demand that law enforcement investigate and, if necessary, prosecute those proliferating this hate speech.