



STATEMENT REGARDING HATE SPEECH TARGETING THE ISLAMIC CENTER OF IRVINE

Santa Ana, Calif. (August 19, 2026) – It is alarming to hear that our neighbors at the Islamic Center of Irvine are the targets of lies and threats. Hate speech or violence once again targeting a place of worship is deeply disturbing and must be unequivocally condemned.

Americans are being driven apart by misrepresentations and the current culture of division, and sadly Orange County is not immune from expressions of hate or violence targeting people based on their faith or culture.

We must reaffirm our commitment to protecting the right of every person to worship in peace, whether at a mosque, synagogue, church, or any other place of faith.

Supervisor Vicente Sarmiento was elected to the Orange County Board of Supervisors in November 2022. He represents the Second District, which includes Santa Ana and portions of Anaheim, Garden Grove, Orange, and Tustin. For additional information, visit <https://d2.ocgov.com/supervisor>.