



# Jewish Community Relations Council

of San Francisco, the Peninsula, Marin, Sonoma, Alameda and Contra Costa Counties

JCRC: PURSUING A JUST SOCIETY AND SECURE JEWISH FUTURE

February 13, 2015

Maha Elgenaidi  
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3031 Tisch Way, Suite 950 | San Jose, CA 95128

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Dear Maha and Friends at ING,

We write on behalf of the Jewish Community Relations Council representing more than 60 synagogues and Jewish organizations in the San Francisco Bay Area to share our condolences and express our shock and horror over the tragic and brutal murder of Deah Shaddy Barakat, Yusor Mohammad, and Razan Mohammad Abu-Salha in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. We are holding their parents, family, and friends in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Although authorities continue to investigate whether anti-Muslim hate was a motivating factor in this senseless and cowardly act, we know that many Americans, including Muslim Americans, have an understandable fear that such animus played a role.

Anti-Semitism and Islamophobia, along with other forms of bigotry and hatred, are direct affronts to American and Jewish values of inclusivity and pluralism, and to our belief that all human beings are created in the image of God. An act of violence directed at Muslims is an act that unequivocally harms all of us.

As a community with a long history of facing discrimination and violence, the Jewish community stands with the Muslim community in our abhorrence of this deadly crime, and hopes this expression provides some comfort at this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Rosalind Franklin  
President

Rabbi Doug Kahn  
Executive Director

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Fatih Ates  
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