

MUSLIM COMMUNITY CENTER EAST BAY

In the name of Allah, most merciful, most beneficent

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As Salam Alaikum (Peace Be Upon You),

On behalf of the Muslim Community Center of the East Bay (MCC East Bay) it gives me great pleasure to congratulate Islamic Networks Group (ING) on its 19th anniversary. ING is one of the pioneers in interfaith outreach and education on behalf of the Muslim community. It took on the daunting task of educating Americans about Islam and Muslims and crafted educational materials that contextualize Islamic beliefs and practices within the framework of modern American society.

ING has harnessed the power of the individual in countering stereotypes and prejudice against Islam and Muslims. Its speaker's bureau trains individuals in the art of communication and gives them the tools to articulate Islamic beliefs simply and accurately for diverse audiences such as schools, colleges, hospitals, faith-based organizations, law enforcement and corporations. ING speakers reach tens of thousands of Americans every year with a message of understanding and mutual respect among people of all faiths.

ING's valuable, socially relevant work includes preventing bullying in schools. Bullying has reached major proportions and its prevention is important for the well-being of all our children, Muslims and non-Muslims alike. ING is fighting Islamophobia with intensive outreach and education. In December 2011, ING conducted a very well received workshop at MCC East Bay titled *Answering Difficult Questions about American Muslims and their Faith*.

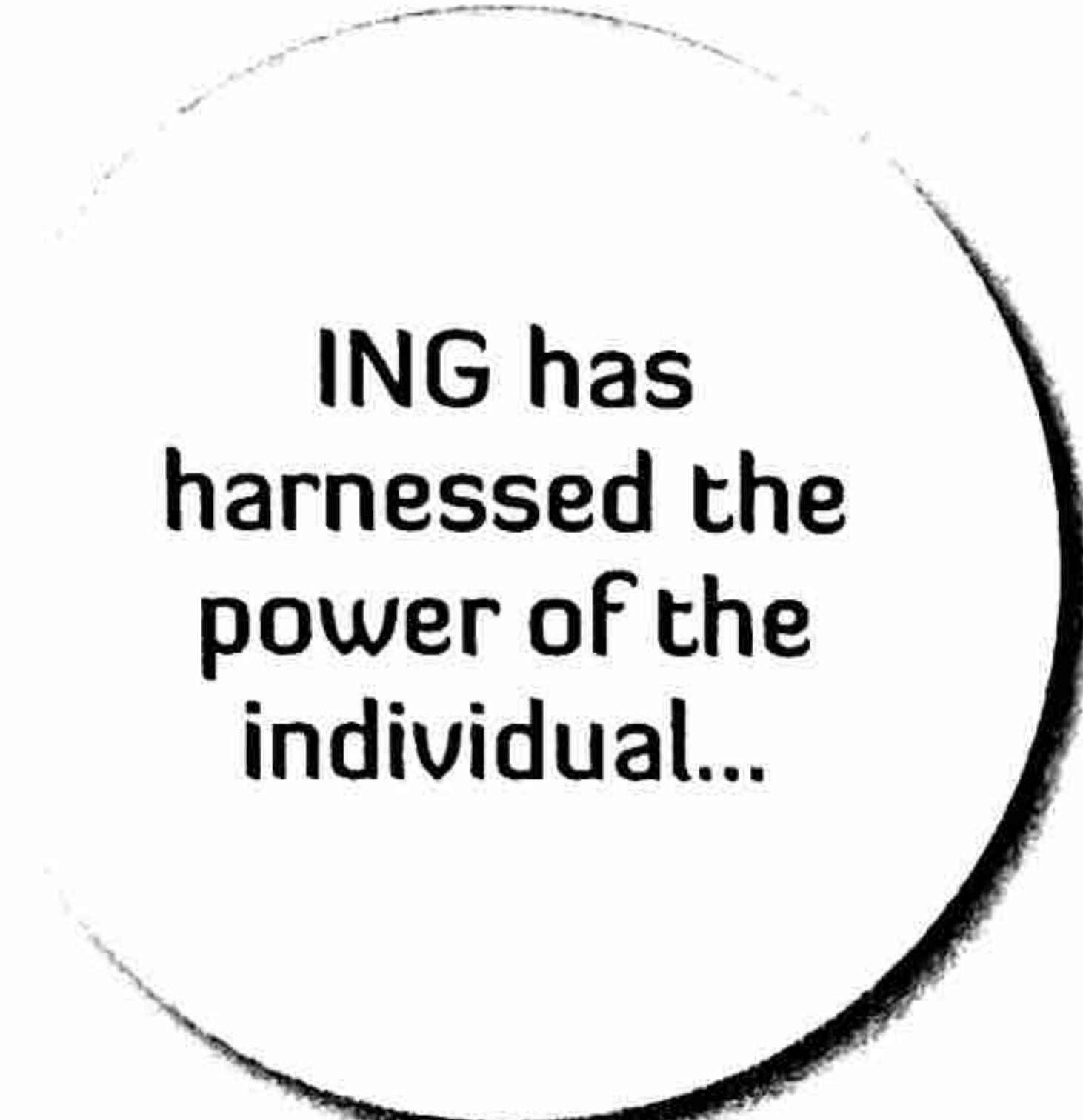
We offer our support and wish ING continued success in its work in promoting a true understanding of Islam and helping foster values of pluralism and mutual respect that are both Islamic and American.

Sincerely,



Maqbool Qadir

President
MCC East Bay



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