

## Statement on Islamic Center of San Diego Tragedy

I am deeply saddened by today's tragic shooting at the Islamic Center of San Diego in Clairemont.

My thoughts are with the victims, their families, the congregation, students, educators, first responders, and everyone impacted by this senseless violence.

Places of worship and our schools should always be spaces of peace, community, learning and safety. Hate and violence have no place in our city. We must continue standing together to ensure every person feels safe, respected, and valued regardless of their faith, background, or identity.

I am grateful to the first responders and law enforcement personnel who acted quickly to protect lives and support the community during this difficult time.

As we continue learning more about this tragedy, I encourage our community to lead with compassion, reject hate in all forms, and keep those impacted in our thoughts and prayers.

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