



**RECOGNIZING AFGHAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION
ON THEIR 10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY**

WHEREAS, the Afghan-American Community Organization (AACO) was founded in 2015 following its first Afghan-American Conference at the University of California, Berkeley, where 220 Afghan-American students and community members gathered to connect, reflect, and mobilize; and

WHEREAS, this student-led convening in Berkeley became the catalyst for a national movement that has since brought together more than 3,000 Afghan-Americans through conferences, community programs, and advocacy initiatives; and

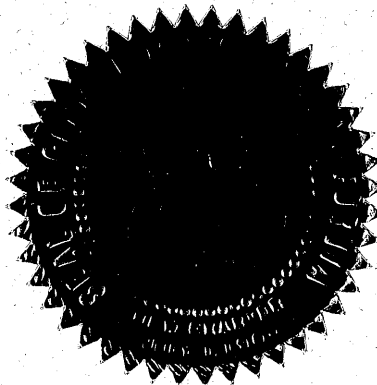
WHEREAS, over the past ten years, AACO has empowered Afghan youth and families through leadership development, educational advancement, cultural preservation, civic engagement, and mental health awareness; and

WHEREAS, AACO's programs have fostered resilience, belonging, and opportunity for Afghan-Americans while uplifting the broader immigrant and refugee communities across the United States; and

WHEREAS, as AACO celebrates its 10-Year Anniversary, it proudly returns to UC Berkeley—the birthplace of its vision and a city long recognized for its history of student activism, civic leadership, and cultural diversity.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Adena Ishii, Mayor of the City of Berkeley, do hereby recognize and celebrate Afghan-American Community Organization for a decade of outstanding service and enduring contributions to the empowerment of Afghan-Americans nationwide.

Adena Ishii
Mayor



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