

February 21, 2023

**Via Electronic Mail to [Publicinfo@sfusd.edu](mailto:Publicinfo@sfusd.edu)**

City of San Francisco Unified School District  
ATTN: Legal Department  
Office of the City Clerk  
555 Franklin Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Fl  
San Francisco, CA 94102

***Re: Request for Public Record – 225-10A1, Resolution to include the observance of Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha in the SFUSD Academic and Instructional Calendars***

Dear Custodian of Records:

This Request for Public Records is being submitted on behalf of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination (ADC). The request is being submitted pursuant and in accordance with the applicable procedures and guidelines set forth by the City of San Francisco, and by the State of California Public Records Act (California Government Code §6250 et seq.). This request is being addressed and submitted to the Custodian of Records, office of the City Clerk, per the published guidelines from the City of San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD).

The American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC) is the country's largest Arab American civil rights organization. ADC is headquartered in Washington, D.C., with members in every state, including California. ADC has members residing in the City of San Francisco, works closely with the Arab Resource & Organizing Center (AROC), and has an interest in the records requested. ADC's objectives include combatting stereotypes and discrimination against and affecting the Arab community in the United States. ADC serves as a public voice for the Arab American community on policy issues and works to educate the American public about the Arab community in order to promote greater understanding of Arab history and culture.

The term "records" is intended in the broadest possible sense and includes but is not limited to all records or communications preserved in electronic or written form, including but not limited to correspondence, documents, data, videotapes, audiotapes, e-mails, faxes, files, guidance, guidelines, evaluations, legal opinions, instructions, analyses, directives, memoranda, agreements, notes, orders, policies, procedures, protocols, reports, rules, manuals, technical specifications, training manuals, and studies. This includes records kept in written form, electronic format on computers and/or other electronic storage devices, electronic communication and/or videotapes, and any other sub-regulatory guidance.

### **Request for Records**

ADC is seeking the following records:

1. Any and all communications and documentation between Board President Kevine Boggess and members of the general public pertaining to the implementation of the resolution to make Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha official district holidays

2. Any and all communications and documentation between Board Vice President Lisa Weissman-Ward and members of the general public pertaining to the implementation of the resolution to make Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha official district holidays;
3. Any and all communications and documentation between Commissioner Matt Alexander and members of the general public pertaining to the implementation of the resolution to make Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha official district holidays;
4. Any and all communications and documentation between Commissioner Alida Fisher and members of the general public pertaining to the implementation of the resolution to make Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha official district holidays;
5. Any and all communications and documentation between Commissioner Jenny Lam and members of the general public pertaining to the implementation of the resolution to make Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha official district holidays;
6. Any and all communications and documentation between Commissioner Lainie Motamedi and members of the general public pertaining to the implementation of the resolution to make Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha official district holidays;
7. Any and all communications and documentation between Commissioner Mark Sanchez and members of the general public pertaining to the implementation of the resolution to make Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha official district holidays;
8. Any and all communications and documentation between 2020 – 2022 of all former SFUSD Board Members and members of the general public pertaining to the implementation of the resolution to make Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha official district holidays;
9. Any and all communications and documentation between Board President Kevine Boggess and other officials from the City of San Francisco, including other elected officials, appointees, and staff pertaining to the implementation of the resolution to make Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha official district holidays;
10. Any and all communications and documentation between Board Vice President Lisa Weissman-Ward and other officials from the City of San Francisco, including other elected officials, appointees, and staff pertaining to the implementation of the resolution to make Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha official district holidays;
11. Any and all communications and documentation between Commissioner Matt Alexander and other officials from the City of San Francisco, including other elected officials, appointees, and staff pertaining to the implementation of the resolution to make Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha official district holidays;
12. Any and all communications and documentation between Commissioner Alida Fisher and other officials from the City of San Francisco, including other elected officials, appointees, and staff

pertaining to the implementation of the resolution to make Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha official district holidays;

13. Any and all communications and documentation between Commissioner Jenny Lam and other officials from the City of San Francisco, including other elected officials, appointees, and staff pertaining to the implementation of the resolution to make Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha official district holidays;
14. Any and all communications and documentation between Commissioner Lainie Motamedi and other officials from the City of San Francisco, including other elected officials, appointees, and staff pertaining to the implementation of the resolution to make Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha official district holidays;
15. Any and all communications and documentation between former Commissioner Mark Sanchez and other officials from the City of San Francisco, including other elected officials, appointees, and staff pertaining to the implementation of the resolution to make Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha official district holidays;
16. Any and all communications and documentation, including legal opinions and/or advisories sought or received by the SFUSD Board pertaining to the implementation of Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha official district holidays issued by the City of San Francisco Legal Department;
17. Any and all communications and documentation pertaining to the implementation of Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha official district holidays between current and former members of the SFUSD, and San Francisco Attorney Paul Scott;
18. Any and all communications and documentation pertaining to the implementation of Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha official district holidays between current and former members of the SFUSD, Office of the Mayor, staff or any other official representing the City of San Francisco;
19. Any and all agreements signed between the City of San Francisco and outside consultants providing insight on the implementation of Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha official district holidays, including consulting agreements;
20. Any and all reports and documents submitted to the SFUSD pertaining to the implementation of Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha;
21. Any documentation outlining methodology used to delay implementation of Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha as official district holidays;
22. Any meeting minute notes from closed meetings between SFUSD and members of the general public pertaining to the implementation of the resolution to make Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha official district holidays;
23. Any and all communications from Board Members of the SFUSD which contain the word “Arab;”
24. Any and all communications from Board Members of the SFUSD which contain the word “Arab-American;”

25. Any and all communications from Board Members of the SFUSD which contain the word “Muslim;”
26. Any and all communications from Board Members of the SFUSD which contain the word “Muslim-American;”
27. Any and all communications from Board Members of the SFUSD which contain the word “Lunar;”
28. Any and all communications from Board Members of the SFUSD which contain the word “Religion;”
29. Any and all communications from Board Members of the SFUSD which contain the word “Christmas;”
30. Any and all communications from Board Members of the SFUSD which contain the word “Hanukkah;”
31. Any and all communications from Board Members of the SFUSD which contain the word “Diwali;”
32. Copies of Official SFUSD public meeting announcements of all meetings discussing the implementation of Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha official district holidays;
33. Information about individual meetings by SFUSD Board Members with members of the general public discussing implementation of Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha official district holidays;

## **Format of Production**

Please search for responsive records regardless of format, medium, or physical characteristics, and including electronic records. Please provide the requested documents in the following format:

- In PDF format;
- In electronically searchable format;
- Each record in a separately saved PDF file;
- “Parent-child” relationships maintained, meaning that the requester must be able to identify the attachments with emails;
- Any data records in native format (i.e. Excel spreadsheets in Excel);
- Emails should include BCC and any other hidden fields;
- With any other metadata preserved.
- Emailed if possible, or saved on a flash drive/thumb drive, CD, CD-ROM or DVD;

## **Fee Waiver Language**

ADC is requesting a fee waiver for this request. Generally, a search for a public record may be conducted or copies of public records may be furnished without charge or at a reduced charge if the public body determines that a waiver or reduction of the fee is in the public interest because searching for or furnishing copies of the public record can be considered as primarily benefiting the general public.

ADC is a non-profit organization which regularly produces and publishes information for the public. ADC does not have a commercial purpose for the information; nor does the information implicate the rights of third persons. This information will be used for the public interest.

Requesters meet the requirements for a fee waiver because the subject of the request concerns the operations or activities of the government; the disclosure of the information is likely to contribute to a significant public understanding of government operations or activities due to the requesters' expertise in the subject area and ability to convey the information; the Requesters' primary interest is in disclosure; and they have no commercial interest in the information.

ADC has no commercial interest in this matter. The Requesters will make any information that they receive as a result of this FOIA request available to the public, including the press, at no cost.

### **Conclusion**

If any or all of this request is denied, please provide the grounds for denials or redactions by reference to specific exemptions. We expect the SFUSD to release all reasonably segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. We reserve the right to appeal a decision to withhold any information.

In order to avoid delays in receiving records, ADC asks that records be produced on a rolling basis as they become available.

Please Submit Records to:

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American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee  
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Washington, D.C. 20011  
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Thank you for your anticipated time and cooperation with this matter. Should you have any questions you can reach me directly via email, or at 202-244-2990.

Best,



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