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October 27, 2009

Honorable Peter T. King
U.S. House of Representatives
3rd Congressional District, New York
1003 Park Boulevard
Massapequa Park, NY 11762

Dear Congressman King:

Over the past few months, the Nassau County Commission on Human Rights has been aware of your various comments regarding the Muslim community. The members of the Commission have carefully considered the implications of these comments on the residents of our County. We have unanimously approved the attached resolution.

We are hopeful that you will meet with members of the Muslim community and the Human Rights Commission as the beginning to an ongoing dialogue with this very important constituency. Those of the Islamic faith have made many contributions to Nassau County and have greatly enhanced its diversity.

Within a few days, the staff of the Nassau Commission on Human Rights will be in contact with the staff of your local congressional office to schedule an appointment with you. We look forward to that meeting and the beginning of a fruitful dialogue.

Sincerely,

Rodney Brown
Chairman



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At the regular meeting of the Nassau County Commission on Human Rights, October 27, 2009, the following resolution was proposed and approved by members of the Commission.

Resolved:

WHEREAS the Commission of Human Rights has been informed that Congressman Peter King, 3rd Congressional District, United States House of Representatives, has made statements that "there are too many mosques in this country" and stating as fact that "the Muslim community does not cooperate with law enforcement as well as other statements regarding the loyalty of residents of Long Island who are Muslims.

WHEREAS Lawrence Mulvey, Nassau County Police Commissioner, has stated that law enforcement agencies do not have any mosques under surveillance.

WHEREAS our Muslim neighbors have made many contributions and provided services to the Long Island community.

WHEREAS there are over six million Muslims in the United States, including 75,000 households on Long Island comprised of law abiding citizens who represent all professions and businesses found in this area.

It is hereby resolved:

That the Nassau County Commission on Human Rights rejects Congressman Peter King's divisive remarks and find them unfitting for an elected official representing members of our community in Congress.

That the Nassau County Commission on Human Rights fully supports the residents of this county who are Muslims.

Signed:

Rodney Brown
Chairman, Nassau County Commission on Human Rights