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To whom it may concern

We are writing to express our sincere and warm appreciation for the work Abdul Aziz has contributed to the County Human Rights Commission since 2002, and to the community at large since 1986. During his tenure on the commission, he willingly and honestly addressed many difficult issues in a thoughtful and balanced fashion and provided many thoughtful and wise insights on the myriad of complex issues facing the commission. Abdul provided an invaluable service to the community by his many presentations designed to bring about a better understanding of Islam. In his discussions, Abdul acknowledged that there are many interpretations of Islam, just as there are of Christianity and all other religions. He always emphasized his respect for human rights, as well as emphasizing peace and solidarity among humanity. Although Abdul is leaving for Seattle to be closer to family, we expect he will continue making valuable community contributions for many years. The Human Rights Commission – and Humboldt County – will miss Abdul and his voice for understanding and peace.

The Human Rights Commission