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VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

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Dear Mr. Awad and Ms. Arastu:

Due to the ongoing rise of antisemitism in the United States, coupled with the Council on American-Islamic Relations' ("CAIR") public support for Hamas¹, and history of financial irregularities², we are requesting the following documents pursuant to the South Carolina Nonprofit Corporation Act of 1994, S.C. Code § Ann. 33-31-101, *et seq.* The South Carolina Attorney General intends to ensure that there are no irregularities with the funds being raised or allocated by CAIR in South Carolina. Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §§ 33-31-171 and -172, which require the examination of corporate records at the Attorney General's written request, please provide the following records pertaining to CAIR:

1. Any and all governing documents, including but not limited to by-laws, charters, articles of incorporation relating to CAIR since January 1, 2015;
2. A listing of the names and mailing addresses of all current CAIR leadership members;

¹ Isabel Vincent, NEW YORK POST, "Muslim group linked to Hamas accused of 'financial irregularities' with \$7 million taxpayer cash now unaccounted for," Mar. 14, 2025 (<https://nypost.com/2025/03/14/us-news/muslim-group-cair-accused-of-financial-irregularities/>) (accessed Jan. 21, 2026).

² *Id.*

3. The dates, times, and locations of any and all CAIR board meetings or conferences since January 1, 2015, including but not limited to any and all agendas, minutes, records, transcripts, communications and any other official documents related to these board meetings;
4. All monthly and/or annual financial reports and statements, including but not limited to Form 990-series filings with the Internal Revenue Service prepared by CAIR from January 1, 2015, to present;
5. All documents filed with the South Carolina Secretary of State from January 1, 2015, to present;
6. All policies, procedures, practices, and/or controls regarding the solicitation of contributions and/or expenditure of funds;
7. All records relating to contributions made by residents of the State of South Carolina or solicited within the State of South Carolina from January 1, 2015, to present;
8. All records relating to CAIR events (including, but not limited to campaigns, community activities, trainings, webinars, workshops, “Know Your Rights” programs, and any other events, whether organized, hosted, co-hosted, planned, or presented at by members of CAIR) in the State of South Carolina from January 1, 2015, to present. This includes, but is not limited to, agendas, attendee lists, speaker bios, handouts, and presentations;
9. All press releases, editorials, social media posts, and any other advocacy or outreach materials relating to or mentioning the State of South Carolina from January 1, 2015, to present;
10. All records showing expenditures made by CAIR relating to the State of South Carolina from January 1, 2015, to present; and,
11. All records showing advertising by CAIR (whether paid or unpaid) within the State of South Carolina.

Please deliver all requested records to the South Carolina Attorney General’s Office no later than February 13, 2026. Electronic records should be provided in native format. Failure to comply with this request will subject CAIR to penalties as prescribed by South Carolina law. I look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,

ALAN WILSON
Attorney General of South Carolina