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Dear. County clerk.
Can you make sure all the supervisors
Get the attached document.
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Time for UNITY and HARMONY Multifaith Resolution

Date: Tues 23 September 2025

Time: 9:00 AM **Place:** 105 E Anapamu St. 4th Floor

The Interfaith Initiative of Santa Barbara County (IFISBC) has taken a significant step towards fostering multi-faith harmony by introducing a resolution in collaboration with Santa Barbara County Supervisor Laura Capps and the Board of Supervisors. This resolution, which will be discussed at the upcoming county board meeting on Tuesday at 9 a.m., aims to promote a culture of mutual respect, empathy, and understanding among the diverse communities within Santa Barbara County.

Mahomed Khan, President of IFISB, emphasized the importance of this initiative, stating that it encourages residents to embrace the values of multi-faith harmony, a concept that he and Supervisor Capps have been working on since their meeting two months ago.

Reflecting on personal experiences, Khan shared a poignant memory from his youth in Santa Barbara, where he faced alienation due to differences. He recounted how as a new student he was expelled from Santa Barbara junior high after a fight stemming from bullying and name-calling, leading his mother to change his name to Michael. Then in an effort to help him fit in she enrolled him in La Cumbre Jr High. This personal narrative underscores the resolution's core message: rather than being marginalized for our differences, we should be celebrated for them. The initiative is a vital step towards cultivating a culture of tolerance and harmony, which is increasingly necessary in today's divisive climate.

Dr. Khalilah Camacho Ali, a board member of IFISBC and former wife of boxing champion Muhammad Ali, highlighted the urgency of promoting multi-faith harmony in contemporary society. She noted that unity is essential, especially in a time when divisions seem to be deepening.

Frank Banales, another board member, echoed this sentiment, stressing that fostering unity is more crucial than ever.

Rabbi Stephen E. Cohen, an advisory board member, remarked on the significance of launching this resolution on Rosh Hashanah, a day of reflection and renewal.

Cornelius Grant, a renowned musician from The Temptations and part of the advisory board, expressed his lifelong commitment to bringing people together through music, reinforcing the idea that faith and community leaders play a vital role in promoting unity and harmony.

"All faiths, when practiced with compassion and love for the other, encourage unity and harmony" Cantor Mark Childs IFISBC advisory board member.

*"In a time when division seems to be on the rise, Santa Barbara County is choosing a different path – one of compassion, unity, and respect,"
shared Laura Capps, Santa Barbara County Board Chair.*

"I'm proud to support the Interfaith Initiative to celebrate our diversity as a strength, and to uplift the voices throughout our community who are working for peace, compassion, and understanding."

Advisory board member Dr. Saida Hamdani stated

"The path to world harmony runs through us all.

I am so proud that our County of Santa Barbara is the first to adopt this resolution reminding us of our common and shared humanity, and in resonance with the principles of WorldHarmonyonline and the legacy of Jamal Hamdani. "

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