



Welcome to the MCA!

WELCOME KIT
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Feedback/Q's? Contact Communications Committee reem.rahman@mcabayarea.org

11 Ways to Feel at Home

1. Learn About the Community!

MCA history, Hear from Others

2. Join a Prayer

MCA map, prayer times, etc.

3. Checkout weekly events!

Updated on website

4. Explore Services!

5. Become a Member!

Meet leadership, make change

6. Volunteer!

How and where to get involved

7. Meet Someone New; Ask a Question!

Contacts for community members - a small snippet of our beautiful diversity

8. Stay Connected

Newsletter, social info, and more

9. Try These Fun Experiences

A scavenger hunt!

10. Try some local businesses!

Halal meat, restaurants, and more

11. Protips

Parking, overzealous advice givers, tackling loneliness, and more

Welcome to the MCA! Meet Sister Michelle Lee

“Fifteen years ago, I was initially attracted to MCA because of the incredible diversity of this community. What has kept me at MCA is the incredible diversity of this community, the wonderful spirit of volunteerism, and the amazing programs and activities.”



1. Learn about the Community

- ❑ Founded 1981, now with 2 Locations
- ❑ 3 Educational institutions for children
- ❑ Soccer Field, Basketball Court, Cafeteria, Cafe, Childcare, Banquet Hall, Youth Zone and more!
- ❑ Has served as a city elections voting drop-off place and gained recognition in a city proclamation

Welcome to the MCA! Meet Brother Adam Kareem



The vibe after Jummah every week is amazing! Aunties, Uncles, youths - from the cafe to the soccer field - there's something for everyone. It's a great space to learn and grow."



MCA in the News
See: SFGATE "[City Proclamation Commemorates American Muslim Appreciation Month](#)"

Learn more at
mcabayarea.org/about-us/ and
mcabayarea.org/photo-gallery

2. Join a Prayer

Here's Where to Go: MCA 3003 Scott Blvd
(below) or Masjid Al-Noor 1755 Catherine Blvd



cafeteria, playground,
soccer field, school
entrance, basketball
court, banquet hall

hallways to
women's prayer
hall, cafe,
bookstore,
babysitting, youth
lounge, bathrooms

men's prayer hall



Find Prayer Times at:

www.mcabayarea.org



Have a Special Jummah
Welcome

*After the congregation,
enjoy the cafeteria,
greet volunteers at the
information tables,
explore the Bazaar, and
more.*

3. Attend an Event

There are events every week at the MCA, inshallah, visit the website or keep in ear out at jummah announcements!

Welcome to the MCA! Meet Sister Lubna Sheikh



I grew up with the MCA community as a strong foundation for strengthening my identity as a Muslim American. I hope we can all work together to ensure MCA can continue to be a community that fulfills the needs of our current and future generations.”



Checkout more events at mcabayarea.org/events-calendar

4. Explore Services

GENERAL SERVICES

- Congregational prayers and services for over 2000 people.
- Educational programs for both adult and school age children, for women and men.
- Youth activities and enrichment.
- Facility rentals
- Funeral services

SOCIAL SERVICES

- "Ask the Sheikh"
- Career services
- Community wellness
- Conversion certificates
- Free legal clinic for all
- Humanitarian outreach program - Hope
- Islamic counseling
- Mens boxing
- Mental Wellness
- Mentoring
- Muhsen - Support and Accessibility for Special Needs
- Zakah - financial assistance

OUTREACH

- Discover islam lecture series
- Enter Islam class
- Newsletter - weekly
- Open House - annual
- Request a speaker
- Request literature
- Tours of Mosque
- Welcoming committee

EDUCATION

- Al-Arqam School - for hifz
- Cordoba - after school memorization for women and children
- Granada Islamic School - Full Time
- Masjid-Al-Noor Hifz Programs
- STEM program
- Sustainability Committee
- Weekend Islamic School
- Women's Committee

FACILITIES

- Babysitting room
- Banquet hall
- Bookstore
- Cafe
- Cafeteria
- Prayer halls
- Soccer field, basketball court, playground
- Friday Bazaar and info tables
- Youth lounge



Learn more by exploring the drop down menu options at mcbayarea.org



5. Help Make Our Community Out of this World! Become a Member



Start at mcabayarea.org/mca-membership/ and explore the site to learn how to vote, read the minutes, see the constitution, and more.

6. Volunteer!

Volunteer for any part of MCA

<https://www.mcabayarea.org/volunteering/>

Please fill out the form linked above to be connected to areas of volunteering you are most interested in.

Schools **Bookstore** **Charity** **Newsletter**



Welcome to the MCA! Meet Brother Chafik Ziadeh



On MCA Friday nights you can find every people of every age, color, and background having a good time. It doesn't feel like a second home, IT IS a second home to me."



7. Meet Some of the MCA Personnel!

See webpage to meet who is in each role this year

BOARD

- ❑ President
- ❑ Vice President
- ❑ General Secretary
- ❑ Treasurer
- ❑ Dawah Secretary
- ❑ Social Secretary
- ❑ Communications Secretary
- ❑ Youth Secretary

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- ❑ Chairperson
- ❑ Board of Trustees Secretary
- ❑ Board of Trustees Treasurer
- ❑ Secretary of Facilities
- ❑ Secretary of Endowments, Trusts and Investments
- ❑ Secretary for Legal and Insurance Matters
- ❑ Communications and Special Projects Secretary

STAFF

- ❑ General Admin
- ❑ Facility Manager
- ❑ Facility Maintenance Coordinator (weekends)
- ❑ Accounts manager
- ❑ Finance office coordinator
- ❑ Social Coordinator
- ❑ Imam (2)
- ❑ Newsletter Editor
- ❑ Web Master/Graphic Designer
- ❑ Zakah Office Coordinator
- ❑ Funeral coordinator
- ❑ Youth coordinator
- ❑ Legal Clinic coordinator

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

- ❑ Visit mcabayarea.org/contact-us/board-members/ to see specific committees and roles this year



Visit mcabayarea.org/contact-us/board-members/ to meet the specific people



8. Stay Connected!

Visit MCABAYAREA.org for quick links to

- Newsletter sign-up
- Facebook
- Twitter
- Youtube

Also keep a lookout for:

- Committees' instagram accounts
- Community-lead whatsapp groups

Welcome to the MCA! Meet Sister Abou Ibrahim-Biangoro



MCA has been my second home for as long as I can remember; I grew up in MCA. From Girl Scouts to youth group to teaching in Sunday School and attending Granada school for all 9 years, a lot of my childhood memories centered around MCA. As an adult now, it's amazing to see how big the community has gotten and witnessing the next generation have similar experiences that I did. Almost like a circle of life, if you will."





9. Try These Fun Experiences!

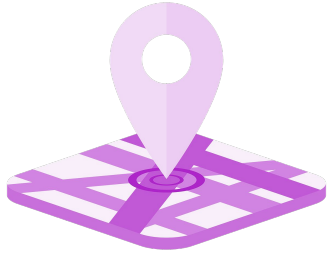
- ❑ Eat Fried Chicken or Biryani at the Cafeteria
- ❑ Explore the Bookstore or Friday Bazaar
- ❑ Watch a Soccer Game on a Weekend Night
- ❑ Attend a Post-Prayer Short Talk
- ❑ Have a coffee at the cafe
- ❑ Drop your kids off at the childcare
- ❑ Sit and meet someone new after Jummah

Welcome to the MCA! Meet Brother Abdullah Ibrahim



I am currently our Dawah Secretary. Alhamdulillah, I was born and raised in this community and one of my favorite things is praying Taraweeh behind Sheikh Sayid in Ramadan. I have been volunteering with MCA as long as I can remember. In my current tenure, I hope to develop and grow the types of programs MCA offers. If you do not find me at MCA, I am most likely getting coffee, at the gym, or traveling.”





10. Visit Businesses in Santa Clara

Halal Meat

- Halal Market (Bellomy St)
- Maiwand Market (El Camino Real)
- Taj Mahal (El Camino Real)

Restaurants

- Cafeteria at MCA
- Holy Land (Palestinian)
- Kabab and Curry's (Indo-Pak)
- Krusti Pizza & Pasta
- Medina Kabob House (Afghan)
- Rumman Cafe at MCA

Clothing and More

- Bookstore at MCA
- Bazaar at MCA on Fridays
- Hayaa Clothing (El Camino Real)
- Santa Clara Produce (Scott Blvd)

Learn more at
zabiha.com or
yelp



11. MCA-Pro-Tips

Issue: Hard to Find a Parking Spot!

Suggestion: Try attending an alternative prayer time, location, or explore the side streets.

Issue: Treated Rudely, or Scolded for Kids

Suggestion: Behavior that makes you feel less than welcome is not acceptable. Please message welcome@mcabayarea.com if anyone is rude instead of helpful with accommodating you or your family's needs. InshAllah any advice & rules that are shared are reasonable and helpful.

Issue: Long Food Lines

Suggestion: Consider getting food before prayer - and then eating after.

Issue: Trying, but Having Trouble Getting Involved

Suggestion: The more contributors, the better inshAllah! If you don't hear back, don't give up. Try to attend an in-person event to find the right contact.

Issue: Feeling Unrepresented

Suggestion: Diversity is a blessing. Please become a member to help vote for more diverse leadership, and contact the welcoming committee to brainstorm better ideas.

Issue: Not Seeing Desired Change

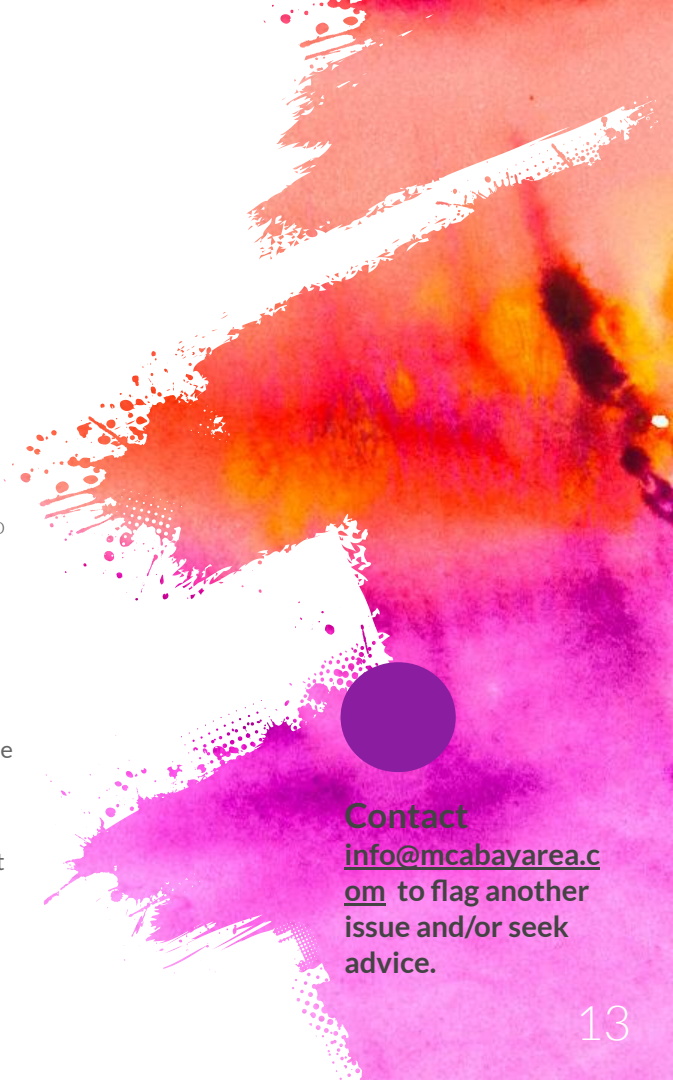
Suggestion: Every community has room for improvement. Please get involved and help create the change you'd like to see.

Issue: Feeling Lonely

Suggestion: It's easy to feel lonely in such a large community. Please join a committee or group at the mosque to build more personal connections and a tight knit community.

Issue: Facilities Not Tidy

Suggestion: Thousands use the facilities in a few hours-span regularly. Please know there is a regular cleaning staff and let's all do our part to help keep things tidy as well.



Contact
info@mcabayarea.com to flag another issue and/or seek advice.

See you at
MCA,
inshallah!

Welcome to the MCA! Meet Sister Reem Rahman



When I think about raising my kids, I think of MCA. My son gets so hype whenever we come! When we go it's prayer first, then friendly kids, interesting activities, delicious food, space to run and more! It a wonderful - and fun! - space to learn and grow.

