

## **Guide to the Videos**

The following are three (3) source transcripts for three separate videos from which the video clips used in the Power Point presentation were drawn. The numbers in brackets before the highlighted text refer to the slide that the video clips appear on in the presentation.

### **Transcript #1: Suhail Khan speech at 1999 Islamic Society of North America (ISNA) Conference**

Videos from the following slides are reflected in this transcript:

**Slide #27: Suhail Khan's ties to the MB (I)**

**Slide #31: Suhail Khan's at MB Events**

**Slide #34: Suhail Khan on the MB Agenda**

### **PRESENTER:**

The first speaker in the order is Suhail Khan. Suhail Khan is a young lawyer. A graduate of Berkeley. And a J.D. from University of Iowa next door. He currently is press secretary and counselor for Congressman Tom Campbell and those of you who know Congressman Campbell, he's a Republican and he is a conservative Republican with values that are very close to Muslim values. Family values, a lot of his stands are very close to us. I'll have first Suhail Khan take the first crack at it.

### **SUHAIL KHAN:**

[ARABIC] Mr. Chairman, honorable speakers, brothers and sisters, [ARABIC] It is indeed a cherished honor for my family and for me to be given this opportunity this morning to address you on how we as a community have come in securing—how far we have come in securing our rights as Muslims and how far we have yet to travel. And the paramount importance of this struggle for not only our survival and our preservation as a community, but for the betterment of man. [27] It is a special honor for me to be here before you today because I am always reminded of the legacy of my father, Dr. Mahboob [PH] Khan, an early founder of the Muslim Students Association in the mid-60s and an active member of the organization through its growth and development into the Islamic Society of North America. His story and the story of my dearest

mother, Malika [PH] Khan as is the experience of many of you is one of hardship, struggle, bravery, and perseverance. All in the face of continued adversity and hardship. As a husband, a father of five, a professional, an activist, an American, and as a Muslim, my father inspired in me and those who knew him an Islamic spirit of hard work, vision, and justice.

In Surah [UNCLEAR] of the Holy Koran, almighty Allah instructs us, Oh ye who believe, stand up firmly for justice, as witnesses to Allah, even as against yourselves, your parents, or your kin and whether it be against rich or poor. For Allah can best protect both. Follow not the lusts of your hearts, lest you swerve and if you distort justice, or decline to do justice, verily Allah is well acquainted with all that ye do. Justice. We as Muslims are enjoined, we are obliged as adherents to our faith to make every effort to take every opportunity to strive for justice for all. Muslims and non-Muslims, black and white, man or woman, poor and rich, we, no one else, for us, with the help and guidance of almighty Allah, are the men and woman who must strive for the good against all that is evil, unjust and oppressive. In Surah [UNCLEAR] of the Holy Koran, almighty Allah describes the believers. Men and women are protectors of one another. They enjoin what is just and forbid what is evil. They observe regular prayers, practice regular charity, and obey Allah and his messenger. On them Allah will pour his mercy for Allah is exalted in power and wise.

We are charged by almighty Allah to protect our fellow brothers and sisters and we know of many, so many, here in America and across the globe who are in dire need of protection. And who seek justice and relief from oppression. If an ummah reported that the messenger of Allah [ARABIC] a Muslim is a brother to a Muslim. Neither he harms him nor does he hand him to another for harm. Who comes in need of his brother, Allah comes in hardship to his aid. And whosoever removes the calamity of a Muslim Allah will remove a calamity of his on the day of reckoning. And whosoever conceals a fault of his brother Allah conceals a fault of his on the day of judgment. Everywhere we turn, everyday of every week we hear of those who need help, relief, a voice. And many times, those who need the greatest are ourselves. Bosnia, Kashmir, Palestine, Iraq, Kosovo, the cries of our oppressed pierce our hearts. Here in the United States, Muslims are often faced with discrimination, harassment and outright hatred. Mosques are burned. Islamic centers are vandalized, desecrated. Mosques and Islamic centers and schools face constant discriminatory zoning decisions. Muslim families are harassed and hindered from travel from at airports as they are profiled as quote unquote terrorists or security risks. Muslim women who choose to wear an Islamic headscarf are excluded from jobs as are Muslim men from wearing the Islamic beard. Most recently a qualified Muslim was excluded from a federal commission on domestic terrorism because of his political beliefs. Worse, almost two dozen Muslims are being held in federal prison today without federal charge, without bail, and without the most Islamic and American opportunity to face their accuser and to challenge the evidence used by federal authorities to deprive them of their right to due process, their right to speech, association, and their very right to freedom. [34]Our freedoms, my dear brothers and sisters, are under attack. Our freedom to associate with whomsoever we choose, to speak out politically and religiously, to travel, to practice our faith as Allah has instructed us as God-fearing men and women must be protected. And these rights must be defended with all the determination, all the resources, all the unyielding vigilance of the believing mujahid.

That is the spirit of Islam. The mark of the Muslim. These are the life and death struggles that we Muslims face every day of our lives. The struggle is by no means a new one. From the earliest, very first days of Islam men and woman have tenaciously defended Islam in the face of hardship and oppression. One of the companions of the holy prophet of Allah [UNCLEAR] was a slave captured from Africa who belonged to Omayya [PH], the chief of the Jumah [PH] tribe, a clan of Mecca. Bilal [PH] was one of the earliest to embrace Islam. And his cruel owner would take him out midday and would force him to lay on the hot desert sand on his back, pinned down by a large crushing rock placed on his chest. His master would torture Bilal in this cruel manner, demanding that he denounce his belief in one god and his allegiance to the holy prophet [UNCLEAR] Bilal would endure this torture and would not give in, painfully yet steadfastly whispering, [ARABIC] one, one. This is our determination. This is the fierce determination we must resolve to bear in every facet of our lives. This is the mark of the Muslim. [31]The earliest defenders of Islam would defend their more numerous and better equipped oppressors, because the early Muslims loved death, dying for the sake of almighty Allah more than the oppressors of Muslims loved life. This must be the case where we—when we are fighting life's other battles.

Yesterday evening I was watching on the television the program about the boxing match between the champion Muhammad Ali and George Foreman. And in describing Muhammad Ali, George Foreman describes his tenacious spirit as a Muslim. Here's what George Foreman said. Here's what he really was. He was brave. I hit him. I hit him hard. And he'd just keep at me. Nobody had ever done that before. He'd come ready to die. Now what are you going to do with a guy like that? Indeed, [31 cont'd]what are our oppressors going to do with people like us? We're prepared to give our lives for the cause of Islam. That's the way we must be in the face of discrimination, hatred, and oppression. Firm, unyielding. This goes for the seemingly insignificant and the most crucial life and death battles of our life. I'm so inspired by the struggle of another Muslim slave. This one here in America, Kunta Kinte. Kunta Kinte was one of 98 slaves, forcibly brought here to Annapolis, Maryland from West Africa, aboard a slave ship, the Lord Legionnaire, in 1767. He was only seventeen years old. As a Muslim, he endured vicious whippings in his effort to secure his freedom. His master even amputated a portion of his foot. In this lonely struggle to preserve his Islam, Kunta Kinte endured lash after lash of the whip over his name alone. According to Alex Haley, in his book, *Roots*, on the day of his birth in Gambia, West Africa, Kunta Kinte's grandmother Yaisa smiled with joy as she witnessed the birth of her grandson and a special blessing [ARABIC] had given her son Omaro and his wife Binta. Later, when [UNCLEAR] the new baby, the imam made a dua [PH] to Allah to grant him long life, success, and many children to his family, to his village, and finally, to the strength and the spirit he deserved to bring honor to the name he was about to receive. Seventeen years later, as a slave, strung up from a tree in Maryland, Kunta Kinte resisted painful, humiliating lash after lash of his master's whip in his fight to protect his name as a Muslim. And how easily, how shamefully do we often hide our beautiful Muslim names. How often do we say, [ARABIC] Sam, Mike, and Bill. This life, dear brothers and sisters, is difficult. This life is hard. The late Dr. Martin Luther King said, this life is hard as steel. But we should not for a moment despair. Almighty Allah has pledged to help us in our struggle. And it is him that we seek our refuge and seek his mercy and help. It is he that will give us protection. But in doing so, we must take the steps necessary to help ourselves, to help those around us. Almighty Allah promised us that if we take a step towards him, he takes several. If we walk towards him, he will run. We are his creation and he is the most merciful, most just. But the first step is ours.

In 1955, Miss Rosa Parks, late in the evening after working a long day's hours on her feet in Montgomery, Alabama, refused to give up her seat on the bus because she was black and her brave gesture of defiance in the face of racial segregation sparked the fires of freedom for an entire generation of African-Americans weary of a life of injustice. We like the brave Miss Parks are weary of discrimination with which we are faced. And like her, we refuse to take our place at the back of the bus. We are Muslims, we are Americans, and we demand justice for all, rich or poor, black or white, man or woman, Muslim or non-Muslim, citizen of America or citizen of the world. American Muslims have made progress. We've established scores of mosques, Islamic centers, schools, and many religious and social institutions and organizations. American Muslims have become ambassadors, congressional chiefs of staff, political advisers, and increasingly [ARABIC] publicly elected Muslims of service. But while we've made progress, we've a long way to go in securing our rights and demanding justice for our children, our brothers, our sisters, and for our community. Islam in America remains in its youth. We are still in the heady days of promise. Where in the chrome and the brass and the sheen of our youth, we often make mistakes. We may stumble. When this occurs, my dear brothers and sisters, don't criticize and abandon us. Guide us and help us. Don't condemn our efforts. Cherish and nurture our spirit.

As the many oppressed said during the civil rights movement in the sixties, we must keep our eyes on the prize. The prize being almighty Allah's pleasure and blessing. The results of our effort are in his good hands. [31 cont'd] I have pledged my life's work, inspired by my dear father's shining legacy, and inspired further by my mother's loving protection and support to work for the ummah. Join me in this effort. Join hands with me in supporting the work of the many valuable organizations who have dedicated themselves to our protection. To our empowerment as a Muslim ummah. Together, hand in hand, we can work toward the cause of Muslim self-determination. Whether born in a refugee camp in Palestine, in occupied Kashmir, in Kosovo, whether Muslims are harassed, brutalized and arrested and thrown in jail because of the government labels as terrorists, we demand our rights. We demand respect as men and women. We pledge to assert our God-given right in this country, in this time, on this earth, because we are human beings that deserve no less. I hope and pray to almighty Allah that we will renew our commitment to working towards a brighter future for all men and women regardless of religion, regardless of color, nationality, but for all people who love justice and for those who love freedom. [ARABIC]

## **PRESENTER:**

Allah akbar. Thank you brother Suhail. You remind us of your father and please continue your work.

## **Transcript #2: Segment of the January 20, 2011 edition of CNN's Anderson Cooper 360 featuring Frank Gaffney and Suhail Khan**

Video from the following slide is reflected in this transcript:

### **Slide #28: Suhail Khan's ties to the MB (II)**

#### **ANDERSON COOPER:**

—worry about alleged Muslim radicals infiltrating the U.S. government and the conservative movement. Now, it's a bit of a hard story to follow, but we're going to try to explain it as best we can. One former Reagan Administration official is saying that radical Islamists are trying to infiltrate nearly every faction of our American life, including the conservative movement. He's pointing at a finger—a finger at an American Muslim who is a Republican, a conservative, and he accuses him of being a secret jihadist. We're going to talk to both men in a second, but first let's just look at the big picture. In November, Oklahoma passed a law banning a strict code of Muslim conduct of law called shariah law from that state. There had been no move to institute shariah law in Oklahoma, but the sponsors of the law there called it a preventative measure. In New Jersey, Republican governor Chris Christie—we're just going to show you a picture of him. He's on the left of your screen there. He's being attacked for appointing the man on the right, Sohail Mohammed, a Muslim, to a judgeship. Here's how blogger Daniel Greenfeld responded to Mohammed's appointment in a post with the headline, "Governor Christie's Dirty Islamist Ties". Greenfeld wrote, and I quote, "New Jersey, the Garden State, has just taken its first step toward becoming the Sharia State." He also criticized Christie for being, quote, "willing to stand up to the teacher's union, but not to the terrorist's union." For the record, Mr. Mohammed has a track record of working to foster trust between American Muslims and law enforcement since the 9-11 attacks. In Washington, New York congressman Peter King, the new chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee is planning to hold hearings next month on the threat posed by radical Islam in America. Now, it certainly seems like a legit—a legitimate issue to explore. Especially considering King is from New York where the Twin Towers fell, but some of the things King has said in the past has got some American Muslims worried. Here's what he said on a radio program hosted by Frank Gaffney, president of the Center for Security Policy.

#### **PETE KING:**

Frank, this is very unusual for our country because despite a person's ethnic background or religious background, when a war begins, we're all Americans. But in this case, that is not the situation. And whether it's pressure, whether it's cultural tradition, whatever, the fact is the Muslim community does not cooperate anywhere near to the extent that it should.

#### **ANDERSON COOPER:**

Now, that is a widespread perception. How accurate it is, is an arguable point. We do know that, according to the FBI, tips from the Muslim community helped thwart the Lackawanna Six near Buffalo, New York in 2002 and tips from the families of five young Muslims in the Washington suburbs led to their arrest in a police raid in Pakistan in 2009. In fact, a number of high-profile arrests have been made because Muslims contacted authorities with their suspicions. Now the radio show host that Congressman King was talking to in that clip we just played is this man, Frank Gaffney, who's long been raising concerns that America's institutions are being infiltrated by radical Muslims. Lately, he's been sounding the bell again. This time, charging the radical Muslims who want to bring shariah law to the United States are working their way into conservative circles, including the Conservative Political Action Conference, or CPAC. Gaffney is pointing the finger, particularly, at this man, Suhail Khan. A conservative political activist, who's served as a senior political appointee in the Bush Administration. Khan sits now on the board of the American Conservative Union, or ACU, the group that runs CPAC. Recently, Gaffney sent the board a letter explaining why he thinks Khan is such a danger. Gaffney alleged that Khan's father had ties to groups that are fronts for the Muslim Brotherhood, which was one of the original modern radical Islamist groups that started in Egypt. Khan calls Gaffney's charges absurd and offensive and he says Gaffney has no proof. Gaffney says Khan doesn't have any proof it's not true. Gaffney is basically accusing Khan of being a sleeper agent. When Suhail Khan took a summer trip with an interfaith group to Auschwitz, for instance, and several of the Nazi death camps in Germany and Poland, to explore the tragic events of antisemitism, Gaffney says that was a ruse by Khan meant to throw people off the scent of his real intentions to help implement shariah law in America. Khan denies the accusations, even laughs them off, but Gaffney continues to insist he's one of the few people who knows the truth. I spoke to both men earlier. [ROLLS CLIP]

**ANDERSON COOPER:**

Mr. Gaffney, you're saying the conservative movement in America is being infiltrated by Muslims who are secretly trying to undermine the United States. I've read a lot of your allegations and a lot of conservative leaders, frankly, just don't think they add up to very much. I mean, if this infiltration is so obvious, it seems like you're having trouble convincing other people in the conservative movement about it.

**FRANK GAFFNEY:**

Well, it's not so obvious, unfortunately, Anderson. And I think that, frankly, most of the conservative folks who have looked at it haven't looked at it very carefully. We did a study called "Shariah: The Threat to America" at considerable length, but high quality national security minded professionals addressed this issue, found that the Muslim Brotherhood specifically is, in fact, working against not just conservatives, but against our civil society at large. And it would be sort of extraordinary if they were going after folks like you in the media, they were going after our government, they were going after our judicial system, our financial sector, and they were somehow leaving out the conservative movement. Of course, they haven't. And I believe that Suhail Khan is one of the ways in which they have, in fact, effected that influence operation against the conservatives.

**ANDERSON COOPER:**

[28] Mr. Khan, I want to ask you about some of the specific claims that Mr. Gaffney has been making about you. And there are a lot of them. I mean, was your father part of the Muslim Brotherhood?

**SUHAIL KHAN:**

[28 cont'd] No, he was not. He was a high tech engineer in the Bay Area. Frank's allegations go back to ten years. They're completely false. He's never had any evidence backing any of these allegations up. Nobody's ever believed him. Those that looked into it, the people at *The Washington Post*, *National Review*, and other reputable sources found there was no factual basis to these allegations and that's why, as you rightly pointed out, conservatives across the country are ignoring Frank's attacks as really unhinged and crazy attacks that are coming out of nowhere.

**ANDERSON COOPER:**

Mr. Gaffney, your allegations really amount to kind of guilt by association or, you know, or Mr. Khan went and—at the behest of the White House, spoke to some Muslim group and somebody who introduced him later did something. I mean, it seems very tangential. I don't—when I actually look at your allegations, it doesn't seem to amount to much.

**FRANK GAFFNEY:**

May I respond?

**ANDERSON COOPER:**

Yeah.

**FRANK GAFFNEY:**

You are suggesting that they are my allegations. These allegations, as you call them, have been proven in a court of law by the Department of Justice. CAIR is a Hamas organization found to be so by a federal judge in the Holy Land Foundation Trial.

**ANDERSON COOPER:**

[OVERLAP] If the United States government believed it was a terrorist front organization, they would stop it.

**FRANK GAFFNEY:**

Well, you'd think so, wouldn't you? And my argument is evidence of the success of a kind of information dominance that the Muslim Brotherhood has achieved. Not just in the conservative movement, but across this country. It's perfectly profound in what you just said. You'd think that the United States government would not be dealing with organizations that the Muslim Brotherhood itself has identified as their organization. An organization like the Muslim Students Association, which Mahboob Khan founded, organizations like the Islamic Society of North America, which he was a leading force in, organizations like the Council on American/Islamic

Relations, which Mrs. Khan is a board director of right now. I mean, these are—these are not my allegations, Anderson, these are material facts that we need to have investigated because when they are investigated, I don't have any doubt how this is going to turn out. If we keep ignoring it, if we keep turning a blind eye to it, we will continue, I'm afraid, to be subjected to the Muslim Brotherhood's agenda, which is to destroy us from within.

**ANDERSON COOPER:**

[28 cont'd] Mr. Khan, these organizations that he's mentioned, are they all fronts for the Muslim Brotherhood?

**SUHAIL KHAN:**

[28 cont'd] No, they're not. They have been proved as such. If they were, they'd be shut down as you rightly pointed out. [OVERLAPPING VOICES]

**FRANK GAFFNEY:**

[28 cont'd] [OVERLAP] They actually have—

**SUHAIL KHAN:**

[28 cont'd] [OVERLAP] —reputable, reputable people, including the federal government, has looked into these accusations, have found they're completely baseless, and really, that is why everybody's ignoring Frank and these accusations and really, you go back to 9-11, we were attacked by people who were purveyors of hate and murder and a decision that we have as Americans is to make is do we want to choose fear or do we want to choose faith and I choose faith.

**FRANK GAFFNEY:**

Well, this is the standard response.

**SUHAIL KHAN:**

It's the truth. That's why—

**FRANK GAFFNEY:**

[OVERLAP] No, I don't think it is the truth. It is the standard ad hominem response to attack the messenger, but here's a relevant point. [OVERLAPPING VOICES] When Suhail and I—when Suhail and I had a last opportunity to debate at length in front of a group called The Harbor League, he spoke very approvingly of a gentlemen by the name of Feisal Abdur Rauf, a man we didn't know very well at the time but we've heard a lot about since because he's a Muslim Brotherhood operative trying to bring shariah to America. And, again [OVERLAPPING VOICES] that's what his book [OVERLAPPING VOICES]



**ANDERSON COOPER:**

[OVERLAP] You're talking about the man—

**FRANK GAFFNEY:**

[OVERLAP] Suhail Khan—

**ANDERSON COOPER:**

[OVERLAP] You're talking about this imam [OVERLAPPING VOICES] You're talking about the imam who was sent by the U.S. State Department overseas to represent the United States.

**FRANK GAFFNEY:**

[OVERLAPPING VOICES] I am indeed. [OVERLAPPING VOICES] Would you suggest that that is a problem? I think it is. If we are actually using Muslim Brotherhood operatives to promote their version of what should happen to America it would be a travesty. And yet, that's exactly what we're doing.

**ANDERSON COOPER:**

A lot of your evidence amounts to like people who introduced him at a speech that he made. I've had people introduce me in speeches, I have no idea who they are. If they go on two years from now to rob a bank, am I somehow a culprit in that?

**FRANK GAFFNEY:**

[OVERLAP] May I, may I—

**ANDERSON COOPER:**

[OVERLAP] You've had people, I'm sure, introduce you in speeches and you have no idea who they are.

**FRANK GAFFNEY:**

Let me ask that specific—address that specific point. Abdul Rahman Alamoudi was at the time one of the top Muslim Brotherhood operatives in the United States. Suhail Khan knew him very well. And he knew Suhail Khan very well. You are telling me, Suhail Khan, you did not know Abdul Rahman Alamoudi when you went and spoke at the ISNA conference? [OVERLAPPING VOICES] No, no, you said—you actually said in that inter—that moment, that you appreciated [OVERLAPPING VOICES] appreciated—no, no, no—

**ANDERSON COOPER:**

[OVERLAP] Mr. Gaffney—

**FRANK GAFFNEY:**

[OVERLAP] —that you appreciated—

**ANDERSON COOPER:**

[OVERLAP] —it does seem like all your charges boil down to people who introduce him on a stage. [OVERLAPPING VOICES] Or groups that his parents may or may not have worked for.

**FRANK GAFFNEY:**

[OVERLAP] That's unbelievably—

**ANDERSON COOPER:**

[OVERLAP] That's my interpretation of what—of what you're charging.

**FRANK GAFFNEY:**

[OVERLAP] —you have evidently not been listening to this interview. And when you've finished slicing and dicing it, I hope that what I have pointed out that is very much at odds with what you've just said won't be left on the cutting room floor. I'm presenting material facts of associations by Suhail Khan and his family that go back to the founding of the Muslim Brotherhood in America in which they were intimately involved.

**ANDERSON COOPER:**

[OVERLAP] Okay, Mr. Khan, I want you to be able to respond.

**FRANK GAFFNEY:**

[OVERLAP] —denials of those are simply incredible.

**SUHAIL KHAN:**

[OVERLAP] I served—I have served our country proudly for over fifteen years, including in the Bush Administration for eight years. People that know, the National Security Agency, the FBI and others, did a full background check on me as they do for every person who's in or around the president and high ranking officials. I'm completely a loyal American. Frank's accusations are completely crazy and, again, we can choose between fear or faith. I choose faith in the American people and the Constitution.

**ANDERSON COOPER:**

Frank Gaffney. Suhail Khan. I appreciate it. Thank you.

**FRANK GAFFNEY:**

Thank you.

### **Transcript #3: Suhail Khan receives an award from Abdulrahman Alamoudi (2001)**

Video from the following slide is reflected in this transcript:

#### **Slide #40: The Khans and Alamoudi**

##### **ABDUL RAHMAN ALAMOUDI:**

[ARABIC] I didn't know that salmon would put people to sleep. Did you like your salmon?  
[ARABIC] What about the coffee? Okay. I am the [UNCLEAR] because he is running late. And I am honored to do that. I cannot fill his shoes, but I'll try my best. My name is Abdul Rahman Alamoudi who was attacked yesterday by Arlen Specter, if you know. Have all of you heard that? Yeah. Okay. Well, we'll deal with Arlen Specter, but I was requested to say something about that. Hopefully we'll say about it when we have taken care of some business here. We have with us a dear brother, a pioneer, somebody who really started political activism in the Muslim community. And somebody different. A young man, not old and grumpy like many of us, but a young man who pioneered from many, many young men and women who started political activism when it was a taboo for the Muslim community, no doubt about it. When Suhail Khan started not too many people were aware that we had to do something. I am really proud to be with Suhail Khan. Some of you saw in today the White House but inshallah soon you see him in better places in the White House. Inshallah. Maybe sometimes as vice-president soon, inshallah. [APPLAUSE] Allah akbar. [40]Suhail Khan is the son of a dear, dear brother who was a pioneer of Islam work himself. Many of you know his late father [UNCLEAR] who was part of all kinds of work and [ARABIC] Suhail inherited from his father not only being a Muslim and a Muslim activist, but also being a Muslim political activist. I'd like to read a small bio about Suhail here. Mr. Suhail Khan earned his J.D. from the University of Iowa college in 1995. His B.A. In political science from the University of California at Berkeley, '91. He served as campaign coordinator for Tom Campbell campaign for U.S. Congress in '95 and served as press secretary and legislative assistant to U.S. Representative Tom Campbell from '96 to '93. I wish we had the time for Suhail to talk to us in those three years what did he do for his country, for his people but mainly for the Muslim community. But hopefully we'll see it in a book soon, inshallah. He also served as policy director, press secretary to Mr. Campbell's campaign for U.S. Senate in 1999-2000. Mr. Khan is currently a full time volunteer in the White House office of public liaison This is not the last that we'll hear from Mr. Suhail Khan. But I am proud that AMC is willing to honor one of us who's pioneering political work and I request our vice-president, Dr. Amul al-Akhan [PH] to come here and honor brother Suhail Khan with a small plaque that we'll honor him with. Dr. Amul al-Akhan. [APPLAUSE] [UNCLEAR] Cameras [UNCLEAR]

##### **DR. AMUL AL-AKHAN:**

Congratulations.

**SUHAIL KHAN:**

Thank you. [APPLAUSE] In the name of God, the most beneficent, the most merciful, thank you very much for this honor. And thank you for giving me this opportunity to be with you this afternoon. I appreciate your good wishes and your honoring me this afternoon for this small, very small contribution that I have tried to make for our community and our country. As many of you know, I have long worked as hard as I can for the benefit and the rights of Muslims and anyone else who needs help. And right now, of course, the Muslim community—my family—is one that needs representation, needs help and support. So any way that I can, working with you, I hope, inshallah, that we can keep working together. And please pray for success and pray for the right outcome in so many challenges that we have facing us. I'll end with just one small thank you for the people that have been helping me keep going. Dr. Basha [PH] of course, has always been a strong and favorite friend. Dr. Ahman Rakhan [PH] and of course my uncle, Elia Bazokook [PH] and Abdul Rahman Alamoudi have been very supportive of me and I want to give them thanks. Many of you, of course, knew my father. He was someone who dedicated his life to the community and I've always felt that I have to work in the same—those footsteps. That this is something that's important for our country as Americans and it is something that I keep in my heart everyday. I remember when my father arrived in New York City in the mid-60s, having borrowed three hundred dollars to come and seek the American dream. He took a Greyhound bus to Colorado and began his journey as an American, as a Muslim in this country. And I still feel that there is—and there was, and there is—the dream that is America. And working with you, inshallah, we'll make that dream a reality. Salaam Alekum [UNCLEAR] [APPLAUSE]