

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF HAWAII

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Plaintiffs,

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I, HAKIM OUANSAFI, do declare and would competently testify as follows.

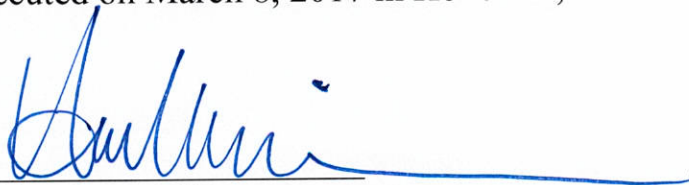
1. I am the Chairman of the Muslim Association of Hawaii. I have held this position for approximately 15 years. I have been a resident of Hawaii since 1998.
2. I have personal knowledge of the matters set forth in this declaration.

3. The Muslim Association of Hawaii is the only formal Muslim organization in the State of Hawaii. The Association owns the Mosque on Oahu. Dr. Elshikh, the plaintiff in this case, is an employee of the Association.
4. As Chairman of the Muslim Association of Hawaii, I am the official contact person for any matters affecting the Association and the Muslim community.
5. Having lived in Hawaii for nearly 20 years, I know well the members of our Muslim community. Members of our congregation will direct newcomers and visitors to me, and it is part of my responsibility as Chairman to greet any newcomers and visitors.
6. Within the last two years, we have had 104 Friday prayer gatherings at the Mosque. Typically, 300-400 people a week attend the Friday prayer gatherings. I attend every single one except when I am traveling.
7. I am aware that on March 6, 2017, President Trump issued a new executive order that temporarily bans travel from six Muslim-majority countries. My understanding is that the executive order does not apply to legal permanent residents or other specified limited categories of non-citizens.
8. On at least half a dozen occasions in the last two years (2015-2016), foreign nationals visiting Hawaii from at least one of the six countries in the March 6 executive order have attended our Friday prayer gatherings. I specifically recall having guests from Yemen and Libya.

9. In addition, I am aware of at least two families from Libya who were here in Hawaii while going for medical training at one of the local hospitals. They were here on visas, and have since moved. They attended the Mosque regularly.
10. In addition, I am also aware of at least one student from Sudan who attended the University of Hawaii for his Ph.D. studies in the last couple of years.
11. Our Mosque brings people together from all over the world, including individuals visiting or temporarily residing in Hawaii from the six countries in the March 6 executive order. The executive order, by telling such individuals they are no longer welcome in this country, has undermined the atmosphere in our entire community, and has also stymied the ability of members of our community to associate freely without retaliation.
12. The executive order has also increased fear, anxiety, and grief for families living permanently here in Hawaii who are unable to have their loved ones from the six designated countries visit them here.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on March 8, 2017 in Honolulu, Hawaii.


Hakim Ouansafi