



## **Samer Lakhani | Candidate for Treasurer**

### ***Candidate Profile for 2022 MCC Board of Directors***

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<b>Education</b>	Post-graduate
<b>Profession</b>	Risk Manager
<b>If employed, name of company?</b>	Synchrony Financial
<b>Are you currently or have you been an MCC Board Member?</b>	Yes, I was on the Board of Directors in 2016 and 2017.
<b>How many years have you been part of the MCC community?</b>	Over 10 years
<b>What do you enjoy most about MCC?</b>	MCC has a strong community feel. Everyone is made to feel very welcome. MCC provides excellent programs and services for the community throughout the year. The Khateeb's every Friday are some of the most knowledgeable in the country and Qari Amar's Quran recitation during Taraweh prayers in Ramadan is amazing MashaAllah. Additionally, the Islamic Center maintains wonderful relationships with Churches and Synagogues in the Tri-Valley area. It has continued to serve and provide for the community at large even during the Covid-19 Pandemic.
<b>What do you think can be improved about MCC?</b>	MCC has grown tremendously since its inception. The Board of Directors (BOD), the Board of Trustees (BOT), Staff members and Volunteers have helped MCC become the Premier Islamic Center in the East Bay.  However, the following areas can still be

	<p>improved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>MCC Infrastructure</b> As the Muslim community around MCC continues to grow, MCC needs to improve its space along with creating a new Library and a designated space for Youth activities.</li> <li>● <b>Further Outreach to the Community</b> The BOD and BOT need to provide community members periodic updates on what the 5 yr. and 10 yr. vision is for the center.</li> <li>● <b>Weekday programs for Young Kids</b> Academic and Islamic programs during the week would be beneficial for many school-going kids.</li> <li>● <b>Collaboration with Nearby Masjids</b> More joint events with SRVIC and ICL especially around Ramadan and Eid.</li> </ul>
<p><b>What kind of positive impact will you bring to MCC?</b></p>	<p>As a candidate running for the Treasurer at MCC, I would like to implement the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>An Annual Budget detailing revenue and expenses</b> A budget would help the BOD and BOT plan manage revenue and expenses throughout the year; provide areas of operating efficiency; and help in strategic planning for the Islamic Center.</li> <li>● <b>Grow the Finance Committee</b> I would like to ensure that the Finance Committee at MCC meets on a regular basis and has active input from the BOD and BOT.</li> <li>● <b>Review Fundraising Approach</b> I would work with other members of the Finance Committee to look at all fundraising methods to ensure that revenue for MCC is consistent throughout the year and not solely dependent on a few events.</li> <li>● <b>Review all internal processes and reporting methods</b> Keep up-to-date records as well as an audit trail for all transactions for MCC.</li> </ul>