



Najib Azhar | Candidate for Vice President

Candidate Profile for 2022 MCC Board of Directors

Name	Najib Azhar
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Education	Post-graduate
Profession	Biomedical Engineer (ex-Dean and Professor of Biomedical Engineering)/ Part-time Islamic High School Science Teacher
If employed, name of company?	Averroes High School in Fremont
Are you currently or have you been an MCC Board Member?	No.
How many years have you been part of the MCC community?	3 years, 2 months
What do you enjoy most about MCC?	The diversity of community. The diversity and quality of scholars/speakers/ juma khateebas as well as the programs and events. The recitation of Qari Amr. The halaqas of Sh. Rami Nsour. The professionalism of the administrative staff. The congenial community atmosphere. Most of all I enjoyed my time at the masjid in sunnah itekaf in Ramadhan 2019 (1440AH), which I hope I have the opportunity again soon insha'Allah.
What do you think can be improved about MCC?	Whatever isn't growing wears out" (Paul Elliot). Even though the MCC's performance is fantastic, I believe the following things can

	<p>be of additional benefit to the community:</p> <p>1) Promoting and training youth in leadership roles in the muslim community, as well as in the community at large.</p> <p>2) Addressing contemporary challenges to our faith, e.g. declining moral values; the apparent dichotomy of science and religion; reviving & building Islamic values in a world in which many wrongs are being deemed acceptable; etc.</p> <p>3) More inter-faith activities, to follow the guidance in the Quran (3:64) “Let us come to a common word between us and you ...”</p> <p>4) More public awareness of what Islam is and what it is not. In the manner guided to in the Quran (16:125): “Invite to the way of your Lord with wisdom and good instruction, and reason with them in a way that is best”</p> <p>5) More health and nutrition awareness programs, in the spirit of a healthy body promotes a healthy mind, and hence a mind more spiritually connected to Allah.</p> <p>6) Building an awareness in ourselves and the community to inculcate in ourselves the spirit and practice of the prophet’s(pbuh) saying: “The best of people are those who are most beneficial to people” خير الناس من ينفع الناس</p> <p>7) More matrimonial guidance programs as marriage is the foundation of society and building block of a strong and resilient muslim community</p>
<p>What kind of positive impact will you bring to MCC?</p>	<p>In the past I have been blessed وما توفيقى الا بالله Quran 11:88(And verily my success is only by Allah) with the following roles in my life, which I believe will insha’Allah to be blessed with more opportunity from Allah to</p>

“be beneficial to people” ينفع الناس:

- 1) Served as VP and President MSA at Pennsylvania State University
- 2) Served as MSA East Coast Regional Representative Region II (Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York City, and Delaware)
- 3) Served as VP South Bay Islamic Association (San Jose)
- 4) As a healthcare professional (biomedical engineer) I have extended my expertise in health safety measures and considerations which are of vital importance in this changed world

In my personal and professional life I have received feedback that I am a conflict resolver, organized, productive and meticulous in my work, with a congenial and affable personality and a sense of humor that is sometimes necessary in tough situations.

Having been in the San Francisco Bay Area since the last 22 years, I would concede to people who know me, positively and negatively, whether or not I would bring a positive impact to MCC, and if so, what kind.

Finally I would like to say that if elected I would not consider it a personal success at all. The success in fact would be determined by the community I serve, and that too AFTER I have served my tenure. And if not elected, I would be following the direction and responsibilities assigned to me by the elected members as an active community member, and thus insha'Allah have a positive impact on MCC. Can you beat that win-win situation! 😊

