

I begin with scripture, Ezekiel 33: 1-6. I am here to blow the trumpet as I have been doing for the last few years at Eastside. My hope is that you will do the same.

Ezekiel 33, 1-6 The word of the Lord came to me: Son of man, speak to your countrymen and say to them: When I bring the sword against the land, and the people of the land choose one of their men and make him their watchman, and he sees the sword coming against the land and blows the trumpet to warn the people, then if anyone hears the trumpet but does not take warning and the sword comes and takes his life, his blood will be on his own head. Since he heard the sound of the trumpet but did not take warning, his blood will be on his own head. If he had taken warning, he would have saved himself. But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet to warn the people and the sword comes and takes the life of one of them, that man will be taken away because of his sin, but I will hold the watchman accountable for his blood.

On August 5, 2010, Paul and I moved from my Fullerton townhouse of 34 years to OUR new home in Yorba Linda. This marked the beginning of an amazing journey that only makes sense if I accept the concept of God's role in my life.

Here I am in Yorba Linda ready to fulfill a 2010 commitment, to get involved politically. 2010 was the year to turn this country around. So, I became involved not only in the national election but also in Yorba Linda's City Council race. I precinct walked, passed out flyers, planted signs, supporting the Nov, 2010 election of John Anderson and Tom Lindsey. How could I know that this involvement in an insignificant city council election in a small community in North Orange County would greatly impact my life?

Forward three months to February, 2011. Thanks those who monitor web sites, I became aware that the Yorba Linda Community Center had been reserved by an individual for a major fundraising event sponsored by the Islamic Circle of North America (ICNA) featuring two speakers: Imam Siraj Wahhaj of Brooklyn NY, and Amir-Abdel Malik-Ali, of Oakland CA

My research as well as the information received from well informed friends convinced me that these men were two of the most radical, jihad and terrorist supporting Islamists in the US, and they were coming to an event less than one mile from our home, in “The Land of Gracious Living”, Yorba Linda, California...in NINE days.

I took this information to a meeting of the California Republican Assembly. At that meeting I met Nancy Rikel, Mayor of YL, and past mayor John Anderson, whom I worked to re-elect to the city council. While they listened with interest, neither spoke to me directly that evening.

A few days later, the email barrage on the City Council began. Mayor Rikel’s initial response was that we could not prevent individuals from coming into our community simply because we disagreed with them.

But within 7 days, a core of individuals organized a peaceful and patriotic protest carried out on February 13, a beautiful Sunday afternoon, in my new home town. Speakers included TWO members of the United States Congress: Representatives Ed Royce and Gary Miller, Yorba Linda Mayor Rikel, City Councilman John Anderson, Tea Party activist and Villa Park Council woman, Deborah Pauly, and many others. Several chapters of ACT for America joined my North OC chapter. Frankly, I was thrilled that so many people came out to expose what was taking place in our own back yard.

During this peaceful and organized protest, we paid little attention to a group of about 100 people who left the lawn at about 5pm to gather at the police barrier near the entrance of the Community Center. Those who gathered at the yellow tape began yelling at the attendees going into the event. They continued for an incredible 2 hours. When I walked down to see what was happening, this is what I saw: Groups of people gathered to pray, a woman sitting on a curb, crying, a couple of people with bull horns shouting at those who were coming into the event. I saw fear, anger, and frustration, and I must admit that I welcomed this fear, anger, and frustration because I hoped that it would wake up the community to the danger we face.

What followed the events of the afternoon and evening of Feb 13 was something for which I was unprepared:

- A CAIR (Council for American Islamic Relations) video that went viral on YouTube
- The subsequent attack including death threats on Councilwoman Deborah Pauly,
- The threat of censure by the Orange Co Human Rights Commission of the Yorba Linda City Council
- And, the Human Rights Commission demand that Yorba Linda pass a proclamation claiming that our city would be a “hate speech free zone.”

So what really happened in Yorba Linda on Feb 13? Was this a patriotic, peaceful protest against two individuals and the organization that sponsored this fund raising event? OR, was it evidence of the hatred, bigotry, racism, intolerance, and Islamaphobia that is endemic in North Orange County?

Siraj Wahhaj, who tends to avoid the camera, has been called the #1 Terrorist in the US. His specialty is jihad camps for gang members. Islam plus Uzis, he says, and these street thugs, he claims, will be a powerful force for Islam the day America crumbles. In 2008, Wahhaj conducted the fundraising at CAIR’s annual banquet, taking in \$210,000.

Then there is the Islamic Circle of North America, ICNA, the most dangerous organization in the United States. ICNA is one of the Muslim Brotherhood front groups in the country. ICNA was named in a secret Muslim Brotherhood manifesto discovered in 1991 as a supporter of the Brotherhood’s objective in the US, “The Ikhwan (the Brothers) must understand that their work in America is a kind of grand jihad in eliminating and destroying the Western civilization from within, and ‘sabotaging’ its miserable house by the hands of the believers, so that it is eliminated and Allah’s religion is made victorious over all other religions.” This manifesto and the network of organizations was entered into evidence by the FBI in the Holy Land Foundation trial in 2008. (see chart)

According to terrorism expert, Steven Emerson, ICNA openly supports militant Islamic organizations, praises terrorist attacks, opposes Western values, supports the imposition of Sharia (Islamic law). ICNA's charter calls for "(the) establishment of the Islamic system of life" and the 2010 Member's Handbook urges its members to deceive people in its proselytizing campaign to fulfill this goal.

One more thing: ICNA has created several non profit organizations that collect TAX DEDUCTABLE contributions for militant Islamic causes.

On Feb 13, Siraj Wahhaj, Malik-ali, ICNA members, most with young children, gathered in Yorba Linda to raise money ostensibly for orphans and battered women, entered our Community Center, allowed one news affiliate inside for 3 minutes, then closed the doors. End Chapter One of my story.

Chapter 2, Villa Park's City Council meeting on March 22. We were told to expect 800 people coming to protest Councilwoman Deborah Pauly, demand her apology, and request that she be removed from all elected offices including her position as First Vice President of the Orange County Republican Central Committee. Several Pauly supporters also gathered to speak on her behalf. The following video clips will hopefully give a sense of how CAIR and ICNA continue their efforts to recast the events of Feb 13.

VIDEO

One week later, on March 29, many of us came to the Yorba Linda City Council meeting, to support the council who had also been told to expect hundreds of protestors. By this time, we had learned that most of the Villa Park protesters were students who had been bused in from Santa Clarita, handed professionally printed signs from CAIR, ICNA, and Democratic Party. Much to our relief, March 29 was a non-event.

Clearly, there has been much analysis, discussion, soul-searching, and hand-wringing among those of us who were a part of this series of events. What have we learned?

- First, organizations like CAIR and ICNA are highly skilled in redefining events to suit their agenda, which is to stifle and suppress anything negative about Islam and to intimidate public officials and private citizens into silence.
- Second, I now live in a city where THREE of the FIVE members of my city council now know and understand the threat of Islam. Unfortunately, this is not the case for most city councils, specifically Villa Park, where Deborah Pauly continues to be attacked.
- Third, we must fine tune our strategies when we attempt to confront Radical Islam? Or, should I simply say, Islam. (UCI's Israel Apartheid Week)
- Fourth, we must educate, educate, educate. In my opinion, the leaders of our Christian churches, like the watchman on the tower, must sound the trumpet.
- Finally, we must all must either begin or continue to pay very careful attention to local elections: city councils, school boards, judges, the OC Board of Supervisors. These local officials are our first line of defense.

And, we must pray. Pray for God's forgiveness for what we have allowed our country to become. Pray for His mercy. And, pray that He will empower us, give us the strength, courage, and wisdom to turn things around.