



Resources for Supporting the Afghan Community

Compiled by EBAC's Fremont Healthy Start, serving the Afghan community for over 20 years.

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URGENT NEED

US Department of State

Contact the [nearest U.S. embassy or consulate](#), or call these numbers in the United States:

- From the U.S. & Canada - 1-888-407-4747
- From Overseas - +1 202-501-4444

Personally concerned about a loved one or loved ones in Afghanistan

- Please read this press release by Senator Feinstein here. <https://www.feinstein.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/press-releases?ID=75259E67-68C3-4F47-9FF4-BBBCE2143D8D>
- Send an email to Senator Feinstein, explaining who you are concerned about and describing their situation in Afghanistan. <https://www.feinstein.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/e-mail-me>

The American Red Cross is conducting a three-way response to the Afghanistan evacuation. Disaster Cycle Services (DCS) is already supporting the Dulles reception center and will work with resettlement partners in longer-term shelters providing medical, mental health, spiritual support services as well as food & supplies.

Restoring Family Links - reconnecting families is our primary role, and we are ready for any enquiries about missing family or family detained by the Taliban forces. Call Restoring Family Links at 844-782-9441 for help.

Our Services for the Armed Forces (SAF) is reaching out to veterans who may be personally impacted by this development. Call SAF at 877-272-7337

To submit a case for help on a relative's behalf, please email Congressman Swalwell:

ca15afghancases@mail.house.gov

City of Fremont, California Afghan Refugee Help: <https://fremont.gov/arhelp>

Petition for Alien Relative: <https://www.uscis.gov/i-130>

Spojmie Nasiri, Afghan American immigration attorney: www.nasirilaw.com

If you know of U.S. citizens and Lawful Permanent Residents or green card holders still in Afghanistan, please access these three resources.

1. **Repatriation Form:** <https://seirmprod.servicenowservices.com/kra>
2. **American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA)** is also collecting this information, so please fill out this form: <https://liaison.formstack.com/forms/uscs> and [lprs afghanistan](#)
3. **Department of Defense (DoD)** has established an Afghanistan NEO Call Center (ANCC) to assist with logistics. Call the department at 1-703-693-0799

[Full list of resources/State Department Guidance here.](#)

Office Resources

- [Office Afghanistan Evacuation & Immigration Resources Page](#)
- If you or immediate family needs assistance evacuating or immigrating from Afghanistan, [please fill out this evacuation assistance form.](#)
- If you have any questions, please reach out to us at afg-evac@padilla.senate.gov.
- For the latest alerts from the U.S. Embassy in Afghanistan, please visit: <https://af.usembassy.gov/>
- For additional updates, follow the US Embassy on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) and the Department of State on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).
- If working with the Department of Defense, please fill out the following forms *IN ADDITION* to the evacuation assistance form and email to afg-evac@padilla.senate.gov.
 - [Afghan Assistance Form](#)
 - [Kabul Evacuation Spreadsheet](#)

State Department Guidance

- US Citizens and Lawful Permanent Residents (LPR) should immediately shelter in place. Ensure that you have filled out a state department repatriation assistance request form at <https://seirmprod.servicenowservices.com/kra> AND a DoD AMCIT and Afghan Assistance Form with your latest details, to include citizen or LPR status.
- State Department representatives are available at (202) 647 8667, toll 1 (888) 407 4747, and KABULACS@state.gov.

Security Guidance

- For the latest updates, follow the US Embassy Kabul twitter feed @USEmbassyKabul, and check for security alerts at the Kabul Embassy website, <https://af.usembassy.gov>.

Refugee organizations with ways to help and contribute

- The Afghan Coalition is a community-based organization in the East Bay that provides support and services to local Afghan community members.
- The International Rescue Committee of Northern California helps refugees who have been granted sanctuary in the bay area become self-sufficient.
- Jewish Family & Community Services East Bay has a Refugee Services team that welcomes new refugees in the East Bay and helps them with resources. They are also looking for volunteers.
- Fremont's Afghan Refugee Help Fund will work with local Afghan partner organizations to determine the priorities and needs of those new arrivals to our Country. Funds will be used for housing, food, clothing, and other items or services to assist refugees expected to arrive in our area.
- H AIS
- Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service is seeking volunteers to help refugees upon arrival with airport pickups, meal assistance, mentorship, tutoring and more. You can participate if you are located in one of the areas where refugees are arriving. There is also a standby list to join other locations.
- Women for Afghan Women, one of the largest women's groups in Afghanistan
- International Refugee Assistance Project, which organizes law students and lawyers to help refugees and displaced persons
- Afghan Journalists Safety Committee, which works to protect journalists on the ground
- South Asians for America (SAFA) is a national, grassroots organization dedicated to the education, advocacy, engagement, and mobilization of the South Asian Democratic community in the United States at the local, state, and federal levels, by increasing the civic engagement, political participation, and network of South Asians. SAFA actively seeks to represent and advocate on behalf of all the different ethnicities, identities, and faiths that make up the South Asian diaspora, including the Afghan American community and we are actively working to include and center more Afghan American voices.

Please visit www.saforamerica.org

Legal Questions

City of Hayward Afghan Relief & Assistance Efforts

https://www.hayward-ca.gov/residents/equity-inclusion/afghan-relief-and-assistance-efforts?mc_cid=a5dbd21fc7&mc_eid=7035e06cef

Hayward Afghan Refugee Support

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdzWYqIPtaauoRIjT6nz1Od_2c8V_sjvMjsot5Wmz4Z-vwetQ/viewform?mc_cid=a5dbd21fc7&mc_eid=7035e06cef

Afghan Support - PARS Equality Center

<https://family.binti.com/users/signup/sacramento-ca-county>

Bay Area Elected Government Representatives

BAY AREA MEMBERS OF CONGRESS:

Congressman Eric Swalwell's 15th District Office

20990 Redwood Rd., Castro Valley, CA 94546

Phone: (510) 370-3322

Congressman Mark DeSaulnier's 11th District Office:

440 Civic Center Plaza, 2nd Floor, Richmond, CA 94804

Phone: (510) 620-1000 Fax: (510) 620-1005

Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi's 12th District Office:

90 7th Street, Suite 2-800, San Francisco, CA 94103

Phone: (415) 556-4862

Congresswoman Barbara Lee's 13th District Office:

1 Kaiser Plaza, Suite 1010, Oakland, CA 94612

Phone: (510) 763-0370

Congresswoman Jackie Speier's 14th District Office:

155 Bovet Rd., Suite 780, San Mateo, CA 94402

Phone: (650) 342-0300 Fax: (650) 375-8270

Congressman Ro Khanna's 17th District Office:

3150 De La Cruz Blvd., Suite 240, Santa Clara, CA 95054

Phone: (408) 436-2720 Fax: (408) 436-2721

Congresswoman Anna Eshoo's 18th District Office:

698 Emerson St. Palo Alto, CA 94301

Phone: (650) 323-2984 or (408) 245-2339 or (831) 335-2020 Fax: (650) 323-3498

Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren's 19th District Office:

635 North First St., Suite B, San Jose, CA 95112

Phone: (408) 271-8700

Foster or Adoption Information

1. [Afghan American Foundation - Foster Family Interest Form](#)

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfOpULIIFNm_GdCmxxHxp1GB_IWrgfhRGjxv88ObgiAGOs05g/viewform

2. Bethany Christian Services in San Francisco Bay Area
11501 Dublin Blvd.
Dublin, CA 94568
650-937-9193

What's the first step to becoming an adoptive family?

If you're interested, the first step is to contact your local Bethany office. They'll work with you to schedule a free informational meeting.

Apartment Setup Items Needed

Please see the Amazon Wish List for needed household items. Items will automatically be delivered to San Ramon Valley Islamic Center (SRVIC) in San Ramon.

<https://www.amazon.com/registries/custom/GKSIYIN20TMB/guest-view>

The Muslim Community Center will be preparing food baskets for families to be delivered to welcome them to their new apartment. We are in need of the following staple items that can be dropped off at the Muslim Community Center at 5724 W Las Positas Blvd #300, Pleasanton:

Diapers sizes 4, 5, 6	Honey
Baby Wipes	Kidney Beans
Garam Masala	Garbanzo Beans
Turmeric	Oil
Cardamom	Tea
Salt	Cereal
Pepper (red and black)	Tomato Paste
Salt	Jam
Sugar	
Flour	

In person drop offs are accepted Saturdays 9 am - 1 pm and during Jumuah (Friday prayers 1pm - 4 pm). Dining sets (tables and chairs) that seat 4-6 people and small sofas are also needed, but please confirm with MCC before dropping off any furniture.

Contact:

Aminah Abdullah, Bookkeeper and Zakat Administrator, Muslim Community Center - East Bay
aminah@mcceastbay.org or zakat-committee@mcceastbay.org
925-264-9297

Senator Padilla Legislative Updates

- Senator Padilla introduced the bipartisan HOPE for Afghan SIVs Act with Senator John Cornyn that [was passed in the Senate](#). The legislation will expedite the process for Afghan interpreters and translators who assisted U.S. troops during the War in Afghanistan to immigrate to the United States by waiving the requirement to undergo a medical exam for individuals who are otherwise eligible for special immigrant status under the Afghan Allies Protection Act of 2009.
- Senator Padilla signed a [letter](#) to the Departments of State and Homeland Security calling for urgent measures to protect women and human rights defenders in Afghanistan who are facing urgent threats to their lives. In the bipartisan letter, the senators called on the Administration to create a humanitarian parole category specifically for women leaders, activists, human rights defenders, parliamentarians, journalists, and members of the Female Tactical Platoon of the Afghan Special Security Forces, and to streamline the paperwork process to facilitate referrals to allow for fast, humane, and efficient relocation to the United States.
- Senator Padilla joined a [bipartisan letter](#) calling for the urgent evacuation of Afghan SIV applicants and their families, as well as the full and immediate implementation of legislation to expand the Afghan SIV program and streamline the application process.
- He also [signed a letter](#) to urge the Biden administration to explore the use of parole to speed up entry for Afghans with already approved visa petitions.