## **Biography**

## **Hussam Ayloush**

Hussam Ayloush has been a lifelong human rights and democracy activist for causes here and abroad.

He took his current position as Executive Director of the Greater Los Angeles Area office of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) in 1998. Through his work at CAIR, Hussam engages elected officials, law enforcement, media, and the public to enhance understanding of Islam, encourage dialogue, empower American Muslims, and build coalitions that promote justice.

As an expert on American Muslim issues, Hussam regularly appears on local, national and international media; and frequently speaks at schools, Islamic centers, churches, conferences, and universities.

Hussam is a member of the West Coast Muslim-Catholic Dialogue and the Abrahamic Faith Peacemaking Initiative. He is an elected delegate and Executive Board member for the CA Democratic Party.

He is currently serving as the National Chairman of the Syrian American Council, an organization that supports democracy and human rights in Syria.

Hussam holds a B.S. degree in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Texas, Austin and an M.B.A. degree from California State University, Fullerton. He is married and has 5 children.

