

DHS is Still Engaging with CAIR

The way the Senate is dragging out Trump's appointments, we'll be dealing with this kind of thing for some time. From the [announced](#) Thursday.

A discussion [Veronica Venture](#), the outgoing DHS acting officer for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, and Kareem Shora, section chief of the DHS Community Engagement Section.

Venture and Shora are both holdovers from the Obama administration.

Shora enjoys close relations with CAIR-FL, organizing [helped organize](#) a December training event for visiting French police officials with CAIR-FL in conjunction with the State Department.

This marks the latest example of DHS's partnering with CAIR as a Muslim community liaison partner despite its [caused the FBI](#) to sever similar outreach in 2008. CAIR officials [urged the U.S. to stop shipping weapons to Israel](#) during its 2006 war with Hizballah because Lebanese civilians were "getting bombed." As executive director of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC), [called the portrayal of Muslims](#) as more "vulnerable" to terrorist recruitment an "unfortunate reality."

The two Florida DHS programs indicate that the Trump administration has yet to change course on the Obama administration's controversial Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) program. The government has no way of telling whether these outreach programs work, the General Accountability Office (GAO) [participate in a roundtable](#) with local law enforcement. Shibly [sue the FBI](#).

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