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**Fact sheet:  
Iranian regime “election” show – June 14, 2013**

**What you should tell people who are renting facilities to  
regime-related entities**

FDI encourages activists to call city officials, local FBI field offices, their Members of Congress, other activists and media with the following talking points:

- 1) The 1981 Algiers Accord and subsequent U.S. sanctions laws make it illegal for the Iranian regime to conduct diplomatic, political, or economic activity anywhere in the United States, except within a 25 mile radius of their two recognized diplomatic outposts: the UN mission in New York, and the Iranian Interests Section in Washington, DC
- 2) The laws of the Islamic Republic require that representatives of the Guardian Council and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs supervise each ballot box at all times. Those laws also stipulate that the ballot boxes in overseas locations be placed only on sovereign soil.
- 3) A Persian-language [fact sheet](#) posted by the Islamic Republic of Iran Interests Section in Washington, DC on Tuesday, June 12, 2013, stated the following:
  - a) Staff operating the polling places "will have the official stamp of the Council of Guardians" and will stamp both the individual ballots and the voter's Iranian passport (on page 40).

- b) Staff will “keep the official flag of the Islamic Republic at the voting table and at the location,”

**This demonstrates unequivocally that the 19 polling places currently being set up by the Iranian regime for the June 14 “voting” exercise are official outposts of the Iranian regime in the United States, in clear violation of U.S. law and should be shut down.**

4) In order to rent these facilities (hotel ballrooms, condominiums, commercial spaces, mosques, etc), the Iranian Interests Section in Washington, DC resorted to a number of ruses.

- a) Some were retained directly by the Interests Section (such as mosques in Texas and New York that are owned and controlled by the Alavi Foundation in New York)
- b) Others were retained through intermediaries.
- c) It is quite possible that some of the hotel managers or real estate managers were unaware of the ultimate beneficiary of the rental/leasing contract they may have signed.

5) Iranian-Americans who have agreed to manage, operate, or otherwise participate in a commercial transaction relating to these illegal polling places should know the following:

- a) U.S. prosecutors could construe their actions to demonstrate that they have taken out an oath of allegiance to a foreign sovereign. Such persons are liable to lose their citizenship under Title 8, Chapter 12, Subchapter III, Part III, Para 1481, US Code. 1
- b) They could also be required to forfeit any payment they received from the Iranian Interests Section or other source for the use of their facility, in addition to penalties and interest
- c) Their personal and corporate assets could be at jeopardy as well, depending on the zeal of individual prosecutors or interested parties.

6) Here follows the lists of polling places announced by the Islamic Republic of Iran Interests section in Washington, DC, as of 10 PM Eastern time, June 13, 2013:

#### Western District

- 201 MacArthur Blvd., Santa Ana, CA 927079/ 49-293-0843
- Hilton Garden Inn San Francisco/Oakland 1800 Powell St, Emeryville, CA 94608 / 510-658-9300
- Hilton Garden Inn San Jose/Milpitas 30 Ranch Dr. Milpitas, CA 95035
- Sheraton La Jolla, 3299 Holiday Court, La Jolla, CA. 92037 / 760-215-2746
- Magnuson Grand Hotel, 204 Vineyard Ave., Ontario, CA. / 917-64.951

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/uscode08/usc\\_sec\\_08\\_00001481----000-](http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/uscode08/usc_sec_08_00001481----000-)

- East Los Angeles: Call 310-890-9513 (*Note: earlier address in Santa Monica apparently withdrawn by owner after activist phone calls*)

#### Mountain District

First Congregational Church, 1126 SW PARK AVE, PORTLAND , OREGON 97205 / 503-228-7219

#### Central District

- 3233 Northwest Expy, Oklahoma City, OK 73112
- Holiday Inn, 5300 West Touhy Ave. Skokie, IL, 60077/ 847-679-8900
- Islamic Education Center Of Houston, 2313 S. Voss Rd. Houston, TX 77057
- 7800 Alpha Rd. Dallas, TX 75240/ 972-233-7600
- Anjuman-e-Asghari (Islamic Center), 10301 Jefferson Highway Brooklyn Park, MN 55443
- Best Western Midway Hotel, 1005 S Moorland Road, Brookfield, Wisconsin, 53005/ 262-786-9540

#### Eastern District

- Interest Section of the Islamic Republic of Iran 2209 Wisconsin Av. Washington DC 20007/ 202-965-4990
- Clarion Hotel And Conference center 2701 East Flower Ave., Tampa FL. 33612/ 813-971-4710
- Islamic House of Wisdom 22575 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn, MI 48127
- DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Fort Lee - George Washington Bridge - 2117 Route 4 Eastbound, Fort Lee, New Jersey, 07024 (201) 461-9000
- Razi School, 55-11 Queens Boulevard Woodside, NY 11377/ 718-779-0711
- 12950 Center Entrance Ct, Manassas, VA 20109
- 2200 Benjamin Franklin Pkwy, Park Towne Place, South building, Philadelphia, PA, 19130