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New York City Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild (NLG-NYC) Expresses Full Support for Muslim American Society and NLG-NYC Executive Committee Member Lamis Deek against Sustained Racist and Islamophobic Hate Campaigns

The New York City Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild (NLG-NYC) expresses its support for the Muslim American Society, which has come under a sustained racist and Islamophobic hate campaign designed to prevent the construction of a new mosque in Sheepshead Bay. The NLG-NYC stands behind the Society in the defense of their constitutional rights of freedom of worship, speech, and assembly.

We also condemn the vicious and defamatory personal attacks on NLG-NYC Executive Committee member Lamis Deek, who is serving as legal counsel for the Society. The NLG-NYC fully supports Ms. Deek in her roles as both counsel for the Society and in her tireless organizing work for justice in Palestine. We stand in solidarity with the struggles of Muslim and Arab communities against racism and Islamophobia in New York City and around the world.

On May 10th at 9:30am, there will be oral arguments on the Society's motion to dismiss, counterclaims, and sanctions against the "Bay People" organization plaintiffs. The case will be heard in Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Motion Trial Term 43 (Room 776). The NLG-NYC is mobilizing its members to rally in front of the courthouse in a show of support of the Society and Ms. Deek.

We call upon all New Yorkers, including the legal community, to speak out against these campaigns of hatred and in support of First Amendment freedoms and basic human rights.

The National Lawyers Guild, founded in 1937, is the oldest and largest public interest/human rights bar organization in the United States. Its headquarters are in New York and it has chapters in every state.