

Honorable Narendra Modi
Prime Minister of India

September 25, 2015

Honorable Prime Minister Modi Ji:

Thank you for inviting me to meet with you on September 26, 2015 during your visit to California. As Mayor of the City of San Joaquin, I welcome you to the Golden State, and I am pleased to work with you and your team as we strengthen the relationship between our respective nations. I am proud that India, the most populous democracy, has emerged on the world stage as a guiding beacon in many ways. However, as both an Indian-born American and a Sikh, it is my duty to ensure that important issues of justice are also addressed by your administration.

On behalf of the Sikhs of California and around the world, I call upon you to state the universally recognized truth that the government of India and its agents were responsible for the November 1984 Genocide of Sikhs. California's State Assembly has already memorialized the victims of this atrocity, at the urging of non-resident Indians (NRIs), through California State Assembly and Senate Concurrent Resolution 34. An authenticated copy of that resolution is provided with this letter. Now, India must take action, as well.

The families of the victims have waited for over 30 years without justice while they mourn their loved ones. Indian Home Minister Rajnath Singh recognized this genocide in December 2014, but more must be done. It is now time for an unambiguous statement from the Prime Minister's Office acknowledging and denouncing the Indian government's central role in the genocidal violence against Sikhs in 1984. India's integrity as a democracy on the world stage depends on it.

I thank you once again for the opportunity to meet with you. I, along with the rest of our strong, prosperous NRI community in California, take pride in being Indian Americans. We will be even prouder when you stand for justice and publicly recognize the 1984 Genocide of Sikhs.

Sincerely,



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