



# National Iranian American Council

*Advancing the interests of the Iranian-American Community*

January 14, 2009

The Honorable Ellen Laipson  
1111 19<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Twelfth Floor  
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Ms. Laipson,

As coordinator for the Campaign for a New American Policy on Iran, the National Iranian American Council would like to present the attached recommendations on Iran policy to the Presidential Transition Team.

The Campaign for a New American Policy on Iran is a trans-partisan coalition of advocacy organizations united in the belief that US diplomatic leadership is urgently required to resolve the current dispute with Iran. While serious concerns regarding the Government of Iran's statements and behavior persist, we believe America must pursue new, far-sighted and direct engagement in order to resolve outstanding tensions with Iran.

We have compiled our consensus recommendations for the President-elect's consideration, and we respectfully request an opportunity to discuss the critical issue of US foreign policy on Iran with a member of his national security team. We would be glad to arrange a meeting for the week of January 26, or at your earliest convenience.

Representing the member organizations of the Campaign for a New American Policy on Iran will be:

- Morton H Halperin, Open Society Institute
- Dr. Gary Sick, former advisor, National Security Council; co-chair, Joint Experts' Statement on Iran
- Dr. Trita Parsi, National Iranian American Council
- Gen. Robert Gard, Center for Arms Control and Nonproliferation
- Richard Sawaya, USA\*Engage
- Patrick Disney, Campaign for a New American Policy on Iran, NIAC

Please don't hesitate to contact me at your earliest convenience to arrange such a meeting. I may be reached at [PDisney@niacouncil.org](mailto:PDisney@niacouncil.org) or (202) 379-1638.

We congratulate President-elect Obama on his upcoming inauguration, and we eagerly look forward to discussing this most pressing foreign policy issue. Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

Patrick Disney

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Assistant Legislative Director, NIAC

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