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To introduce and promote the rich and diverse heritage  
of Iranian culture amongst people of all nationalities and  
ethnic background

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## Message from HOI President

As the saying goes: *All good things must come to an end.* It has been a privilege and honor for me to serve as the President of House of Iran for last two years. Being part of this wonderful organization has a very special place in my heart. I will always cherish the reactions and smiles of people that have never met an Iranian until they stepped inside the House of Iran. What a wonderful day it was when two Americans from different corners of the United States met one another in the House and shared their experiences when they lived in Iran...in Farsi!!!

I have yet to hear or come across an Iranian community in the United States or aboard that can claim a special place we call House of Iran. Even our neighbors up north in Los Angeles or Orange County are impressed and marveled with what we have accomplished in the America's Finest City. We all should be proud. All of you reading this message have in some way or another contributed in building and supporting this House. I'm also pleased to inform you that House of Iran is in good financial standing; its cash reserve is up over 20% in last 18 months.

Now that my time is up, I'm at ease to hand over the keys to Mr. Abbas Abbasove, an old friend of House of Iran for last eighteen years. I want to thank all the current Board members for their friendship, guidance, dedication and most of all tolerating my constant nagging. I also want to thank the Persian Cultural Center, AIAP and Mehregan for their unconditional support.

As the previous Board members have said before me, House of Iran will always be close to my heart.

God bless you all and long live Iran.  
Habib Hariri



From left to right: Arya Zeghamnia, Reza Fadaei, Maryam Noor, Max Zaker, Mali Abbasove, Abbas Abbasove, Habib Hariri, Fayezeh Zomordi. Not pictured: Sharam Salehi



## Board of Directors

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## House of Iran New Board of Directors

Like most elections, House of Iran has new faces joining its Board of Directors. Effective January 1, 2010, the new Board of Directors will lead and manage the House.

**President** - Mr. Abbas Abbasove is one of the founding members of House of Iran. In past years, Mr. Abbasove acted as the House Treasurer and Delegate. Mr. Abbasove is a long time resident of San Diego and has owned and managed several restaurants in the past. He is currently the Vice President of a lending mortgage company in San Diego.

**Vice President** - Dr. Fayeze Zomorodi is one of the founding members of House of Iran. She has been a board member as delegate or vice president for 13 years and cultural chairperson of the House of Iran since it was established in 1992. She was also fund raising chairperson for the House of Iran building. She supervised, arranged and collected the artifacts, design and decoration of HOI making it one of the best cottages at Balboa Park. Dr. Zomorodi played a key role in joint efforts with the International Mingei Museum exhibits in Escondido and the San Diego Museum of Man at Balboa Park.

**Treasurer** - Ms. Maryam Noor is the current Treasurer and Editor in Chief of EDGE. She was instrumental in initiating, designing and producing the HOI quarterly newsletter. A recent MBA graduate, Ms. Noor currently is working in Enrollment Services at University of St. Augustine and is a part time professor at ITT Technical Institute.

**Secretary** - Dr. Farhanq Rahmani is a new member of House of Iran but a long time resident of San Diego. Dr. Rahmani is a full time professor of Finance at National University in San Diego.

**Delegate 1** - Mr. Iraj Asgharzadeh is a long time resident of San Diego but a new member of House of Iran. Mr. Asgharzadeh is a Senior Civil Engineer with the City of San Diego Water Department. Mr. Asgharzadeh is also one of the founding members of the Association of Iranian American Professionals.

**Delegate 2** - Mr. Shahram Salehi is one of the founding fathers of House of Iran. Mr. Salehi was instrumental in establishing House of Iran as a member of House of Pacific Relations in Balboa Park. Mr. Salehi is a practicing Mechanical Engineer in California.

**Delegate 3** - Delegate 3 will be appointed by the new Board of Directors. Stay tune.

The out-going Board Members are:

Mr. Habib Hariri, President; Dr. Reza Fadaei, Vice President; Mr. Max Zaker, Delegate 3

## December Nights at Balboa Park

Come Celebrate the Holiday Season with House of Iran

**Friday December 4<sup>th</sup>**

**4:00 PM - 10:00 PM**

**Saturday December 5<sup>th</sup>**

**12:00 PM - 10:00 PM**

Like the past 17 years, the House of Iran will be serving delicious chicken kabob, baghlava and Ash!