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VOTER GUIDE

GENERAL ELECTION 2024 FEDERAL & LOCAL VOTER GUIDE



**CAIR ACTION
NEW JERSEY**

CAIR ACTION NJ'S 2024 VOTER GUIDE

WHY THIS ELECTION MATTERS

The 2024 election comes at a critical time for the Muslim community and all those committed to justice, human rights, and peace. This year's elections will not only shape domestic policies but also have profound implications for international issues, particularly regarding the crisis in Palestine and surrounding countries.

In addition, rising Islamophobia continues to threaten the safety, rights, and dignity of Muslims in the U.S. and around the world. The positions that candidates take on these issues—Palestine, Islamophobia, and broader justice concerns—are at the heart of our evaluation for this voter guide. Their stances on a ceasefire, supporting an arms embargo, fighting anti-Muslim bigotry, and other social justice issues have heavily influenced the determination of our support levels for candidates.

In a time when elections can be won by narrow margins, your vote is crucial. Through this Voter Guide, CAIR Action seeks to empower you with information about candidates and where they stand on the issues that matter most. We have carefully evaluated candidates based on their track record, policy positions, and their alignment with the principles of justice, inclusivity, and positive change.

YOUR VOTE MATTERS!

This election has far-reaching consequences, especially in state and local races that could be decided by just a few votes. Your vote is a powerful tool in shaping a future grounded in justice, peace, and equality for all. Use this guide to cast an informed vote that reflects your values, and stand up for a world where human rights are upheld, from Gaza to your local community.

Together, we can build a future that reflects our shared values of justice, compassion, and equality.

OUR SUPPORT LEVELS

To help you make informed choices at the ballot box, we've developed a clear framework for our levels of candidate support. Here's how we assess candidates and determine our recommendations:

ENDORSED

These candidates strongly align with our values, having demonstrated clear support for justice in Palestine, including calls for a ceasefire and advocating for an arms embargo to Israel. They also Opposed Islamophobia and have a strong record of promoting civil rights and human dignity.

NEUTRAL

These candidates are generally favorable but may not fully align with our positions on critical issues, however, they represent a better alternative to candidates who actively harm these causes.

OPPOSED

These candidates have taken harmful stances, including supporting the violence in Gaza and opposing a ceasefire. They may also have a record of Islamophobic rhetoric or policies. We strongly recommend voting against these candidates.

NO ENDORSEMENT

This rating is given when there is insufficient information about a candidate's position or when their positions do not align enough to warrant our support.



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CAIR Action, along with the American Muslim Taskforce for the 2024 election, recommends that Muslims vote for candidates who support ceasefire, arms embargo, and other just policies, such as Dr. Jill Stein, Claudia De La Cruz, Joesph Kishore, and write in candidate Dr. Cornel West.

UNITED STATES SENATE

ENDORSEMENT LEGEND

**C = SUPPORTS
CEASEFIRE**

**AE = SUPPORTS ARMS EMBARGO
AGAINST ISRAEL**

**A = ALLY OF THE MUSLIM
COMMUNITY**

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Andy Kim (D)	Neutral (C)

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Curtis Bradshaw (R)	Opposed

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Christina Khalil (G)	ENDORSED (C/AE)

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Kenneth Kaplan (L)	No Endorsement

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Joanne Kuniansky (SWP)	Opposed

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Patricia G. Mooneyham (VB)	No Endorsement



REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS DISTRICTS 1-6

ENDORSEMENT LEGEND

C = SUPPORTS CEASEFIRE **AE = SUPPORTS ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST ISRAEL** **A = ALLY OF THE MUSLIM COMMUNITY**

*** INDICATES THE CANDIDATE IS AN INCUMBENT**

REP. IN CONGRESS, DISTRICT 1		REP. IN CONGRESS, DISTRICT 2	
CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION	CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Robin Brownfield (G)	ENDORSED (C/AE)	Thomas Cannavo (G)	ENDORSED (C/AE)
Donald Norcross (D)	Opposed	Joe Salerno (D)	Opposed
Theodore Liddell (R)	Opposed	Jeff Van Drew (R)	Opposed
Austin Johnson (I)	No Endorsement		
REP. IN CONGRESS, DISTRICT 3		REP. IN CONGRESS, DISTRICT 4	
CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION	CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Steve Welzer (G)	ENDORSED (C/AE)	Barry Bendar (G)	ENDORSED (C/AE)
Rajesh Mohan (R)	Opposed	Matthew Jenkins (D)	Neutral (C)
Herb Conaway Jr. (D)	Opposed	Christopher H. Smith (R)	Opposed
Justin Barbera (JTRP)	No Endorsement	John Morrison (L)	No Endorsement
Chris Russomanno (L)	No Endorsement		
Douglas Wynn (WYNP)	No Endorsement		
REP. IN CONGRESS, DISTRICT 5		REP. IN CONGRESS, DISTRICT 6	
CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION	CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Beau Forte (G)	ENDORSED (C/AE)	Fahad Akthar (CSIP)	ENDORSED (C/AE)
James Tosone (L)	Neutral (AE)	Herb Tarbous (G)	Neutral (A)
Aamir Arif (PFLP)	Neutral (A)	Frank Pallone Jr. (D)	Opposed
Mary Jo Guinchard (R)	Neutral (C)	Scott Fegler (R)	Opposed
Josh Gottheimer (D)	Opposed	Matthew Amitrano (L)	No Endorsement



REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS DISTRICTS 7-12

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REP. IN CONGRESS, DISTRICT 7		REP. IN CONGRESS, DISTRICT 8	
CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION	CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Andrew Black (G)	ENDORSED (C/AE)	Christian Robbins (G)	ENDORSED (C)
Lana Leguia (L)	ENDORSED (C/AE)	Robert Menendez Jr. (D)	Opposed
Sue Altman (D)	Opposed	Anthony Valdes (R)	Opposed
Thomas H. Kean Jr. (R)	Opposed	Lea Sherman (SWP)	Opposed
		Pablo Olivera (LP)	No Endorsement
REP. IN CONGRESS, DISTRICT 9		REP. IN CONGRESS, DISTRICT 10	
CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION	CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Benjamin Taylor (G)	ENDORSED (C/AE)	Jon Carlos Serrano (G)	ENDORSED (C/AE)
Billy Prempeh (R)	ENDORSED (C/AE)	LaMonica McIver (D)	Neutral (A)
Nellie Pou (D)	Opposed	Carmen Bucco (R)	Opposed
Bruno Pereira (L)	No Endorsement	Michelle Middleton (I)	No Endorsement
		Cynthia Johnson (I)	No Endorsement
		Donna Weiss (I)	No Endorsement
REP. IN CONGRESS, DISTRICT 11		REP. IN CONGRESS, DISTRICT 12	
CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION	CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Lily Benavides (G)	ENDORSED (C/AE)	Bonnie Watson Coleman (D)	ENDORSED (C/A)
Mikie Sherrill (D)	Neutral (C)	Kim Meudt (G)	ENDORSED (C/AE)
Joseph Belnome (R)	Opposed	Vic Kaplan (L)	ENDORSED (C/AE)
Joshua Lanzara (TFPP)	No Endorsement	Darius Mayfield (R)	Opposed

CAIR ACTION NJ'S 2024 ENDORSED LOCAL CANDIDATES: ROUND 1

COUNTY SHERIFF

CANDIDATE	COUNTY & PARTY
THOMAS ADAMO	PASSAIC (D)

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

CANDIDATE	COUNTY & PARTY
ASSAD MUJTABA	PASSAIC COUNTY (R)

CANDIDATE	COUNTY & PARTY	CANDIDATE	COUNTY & PARTY
CASSANDRA LAZZARA*	PASSAIC COUNTY (D)	RODNEY DEVORE	PASSAIC COUNTY (D)

MAYOR

CANDIDATE	MUNICIPALITY & PARTY	CANDIDATE	MUNICIPALITY & PARTY
EMAN EL-BADAWI*	CRANBURY (D)	JAMES DAMIANO*	LITTLE FALLS (D)

CANDIDATE	MUNICIPALITY & PARTY	CANDIDATE	MUNICIPALITY & PARTY
FAUZIA JANJUA*	MOUNT LAUREL (D)	ATEKA GUNJA	EAST BRUNSWICK (FFP)

CITY COUNCIL

CANDIDATE	MUNICIPALITY & PARTY
RESHMA KHAN	TEANECK (NP)

CANDIDATE	MUNICIPALITY & PARTY
DUANE HARLEY	TEANECK (NP)

CANDIDATE	MUNICIPALITY & PARTY
ARDIE WALSER	TEANECK (NP)

CANDIDATE	MUNICIPALITY & PARTY
MOHAMMAD SAID*	RIDGEFIELD (D)

CANDIDATE	MUNICIPALITY & PARTY
ADAM CHAABANE*	WOODLAND PARK (D)

CANDIDATE	MUNICIPALITY & PARTY
REEM ESHRA	WOODLAND PARK (R)

CANDIDATE	MUNICIPALITY & PARTY
ANTHONY SGOBBA*	LITTLE FALLS (D)

CANDIDATE	MUNICIPALITY & PARTY
CHRISTINE HABILITZ*	LITTLE FALLS (D)

BOARD OF EDUCATION

CANDIDATE	MUNICIPALITY
NADIA HOSEIN	TEANECK

CANDIDATE	MUNICIPALITY
JONATHAN RODRIGUEZ	TEANECK

CANDIDATE	MUNICIPALITY
SELEENE WONG	TEANECK

CANDIDATE	MUNICIPALITY
MALAAK DALIA	RIDGEFIELD

CANDIDATE	MUNICIPALITY
EHAB "AHAB" HUSEIN	WAYNE

CANDIDATE	MUNICIPALITY
OMAR ABBASI	WOODLAND PARK

CANDIDATE	MUNICIPALITY
SAMI SHABAN	FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

CANDIDATE	MUNICIPALITY
NOOR JANNAH HAMEED	HILLSBOROUGH TOWNSHIP

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CAIR ACTION NJ'S 2024 ENDORSED LOCAL CANDIDATES: ROUND 2

COUNTY SHERRIFF

CANDIDATE	COUNTY & PARTY
ANTHONY CURETON*	BERGEN (D)

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

CANDIDATE	MUNICIPALITY & PARTY
JAWAAD HUSSAIN	CHERRY HILL (AFC)

CANDIDATE	MUNICIPALITY & PARTY
MA'ISHA AZIZ	VOORHEES (I)

CANDIDATE	MUNICIPALITY & PARTY
GEORGE SILVA	CLIFTON (NP)

BOARD OF EDUCATION

CANDIDATE	MUNICIPALITY
CARLOS MOCZO*	HALEDON

CANDIDATE	MUNICIPALITY
ZAHIRA KHAN	MONTVILLE

CANDIDATE	MUNICIPALITY
DR. NATHAN WEBB	HALEDON

CANDIDATE	MUNICIPALITY
NOOR JANNAH HAMEED	HILLSBOROUGH

CANDIDATE	MUNICIPALITY
LAKISHA JONES-JOHNSON	HALEDON

CANDIDATE	MUNICIPALITY
DR. SHAZIA SHAH	LAWRENCEVILLE

CANDIDATE	MUNICIPALITY
TALIB KANAN	LITTLE FERRY

CANDIDATE	MUNICIPALITY
ROBERT PLUTA*	LAWRENCEVILLE

CANDIDATE	MUNICIPALITY
QUADSIA NIAZ*	CHERRY HILL

CANDIDATE	MUNICIPALITY
HANIF PAYAK	WEST WINDSOR - PLAINSBORO

CANDIDATE	MUNICIPALITY
DR. SAMIA MIAN	CHERRY HILL

CANDIDATE	MUNICIPALITY
NOURUZ CHOWDHURY	CHERRY HILL

CANDIDATE	MUNICIPALITY
OMAR ALKAHILY	CHERRY HILL

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AFC = ADVOCATE FOR CHILDREN

I = INDEPENDENT

NP = NON PARTISAN



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