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2024

VOTER GUIDE

GENERAL ELECTION Orange County



CAIR ACTION
CALIFORNIA



CAIR ACTION'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 a commitment to justice and positive change. This may include support for a ceasefire in Palestine or an arms embargo to Israel. They also oppose Islamophobia and have a strong record promoting civil rights and human dignity.

PREFERRED

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.

OPPOSE

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.



PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

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 (G), Dr. Cornel West (J), or Chase Oliver (L).

US SENATE

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION	REASON
Adam Schiff (D)	No Endorsement	While he has cosponsored "Access to Counsel Act", "Renewing Immigration Provisions", and "Recognizing Ramadan" bills, he voted on numerous funding bills for Israel and has historically supported surveillance bills.
Steve Garvey (R)	No Endorsement	Called ceasefire protesters terrorists. Says " Hamas does not deserve a ceasefire." Not aligned on issues.

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ORANGE COUNTY | US REPRESENTATIVE CANDIDATES 2024

US REPRESENTATIVE | DISTRICT 40

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION	REASON
Joe Kerr (D) Young Kim (R)	No Endorsement	Neither candidate aligns with our issues.

US REPRESENTATIVE | DISTRICT 45

Derek Tran (D)	Preferred	Aligned with many issue relevant to our community. Supports Gaza ceasefire.
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US REPRESENTATIVE | DISTRICT 46

Lou Correa (D) David Pan (R)	No Endorsement	Neither candidate aligns with our issues.
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US REPRESENTATIVE | DISTRICT 47

Dave Min (D) Scott Baugh (R)	No Endorsement	Neither candidate aligns with our issues.
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US REPRESENTATIVE | DISTRICT 49

Mike Levin (D) Matt Gunderson (R)	No Endorsement	Neither candidate aligns with our issues.
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ORANGE COUNTY | STATE SENATE CANDIDATES 2024

STATE SENATE | DISTRICT 37

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION	REASON
Josh Newman (D) Steven Choi (R)	No Endorsement	Neither candidate aligns with our issues.



ORANGE COUNTY | STATE ASSEMBLY CANDIDATES 2024

ASSEMBLY | DISTRICT 59

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION	REASON
Dave Obrand (D) Phillip Chen (R)	No Endorsement	Neither candidate aligns with our issues.

ASSEMBLY | DISTRICT 64

Blanca Pacheco (D) Raul Ortiz Jr. (R)	No Endorsement	Neither candidate aligns with our issues.
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ASSEMBLY | DISTRICT 67

Sharon Quirk-Silva	Preferred	Actively engages with issues relevant to our community.
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ASSEMBLY | DISTRICT 68

Avelino Valencia (D) Mike Tardif (R)	No Endorsement	Neither candidate aligns with our issues.
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ASSEMBLY | DISTRICT 70

Jimmy Pham (D)	Endorsed	Outspoken on issues of importance to community, such as Gaza. Aligned on most issues.
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ASSEMBLY | DISTRICT 71

Gary Kephart (D) Kate Sanchez (R)	No Endorsement	Neither candidate aligns with our issues.
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ASSEMBLY | DISTRICT 72

Dom Jones (D)	Endorsed	Engaged with CAIR's survey sent to all state candidates, and endorsed Gaza ceasefire and other community issues of concern.
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ASSEMBLY | DISTRICT 73

Cottie Petrie-Norris (D)	No Endorsement	Neither candidate aligns with our issues.
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ASSEMBLY | DISTRICT 74

Chris Duncan (D) Laurie Davies (R)	No Endorsement	Neither candidate aligns with our issues.
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ORANGE COUNTY MUNICIPAL

ANAHEIM CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 1

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Ojaala Ahmad	Endorsed

ANAHEIM CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 4

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Norma Campos Kurtz	Endorsed

IRVINE CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 1

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Jackie Kan	Endorsed

IRVINE CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 2

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Parrisa Yazdani	Endorsed

CITY OF ORANGE TREASURER

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Eugene Fields	Endorsed

LAGUNA BEACH CITY COUNCIL AT-LARGE

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Bob Whalen	Preferred

LAGUNA BEACH CITY COUNCIL AT-LARGE

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
George Weiss	Preferred

LA HABRA CITY COUNCIL AT-LARGE

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Michelle Bernier	Endorsed

LONG BEACH CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 4

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Herlinda Chico	Preferred

IRVINE MAYOR

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Larry Agran	Endorsed

SANTA ANA MAYOR

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Ben Vazquez	Endorsed

ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, DISTRICT 1

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Frances Marquez	Endorsed

SANTA ANA CITY COUNCIL, WARD 3

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Jessie Lopez	Endorsed

SANTA ANA CITY COUNCIL, WARD 5

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Johnathan Ryan Hernandez	Endorsed



ORANGE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

ANAHEIM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOARD, TRUSTEE AREA 3

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Matthew Mariscal	Endorsed

ANAHEIM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOARD, TRUSTEE AREA 3

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Jose Magcalas	Endorsed

SANTA ANA SCHOOL BOARD, DISTRICT 1

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Rigo Rodriguez	Endorsed

SANTA ANA SCHOOL BOARD, DISTRICT 2

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Valerie Magdaleno	Endorsed

SANTA ANA SCHOOL BOARD, DISTRICT 3

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Alfonso Alvarez	Endorsed

FULLERTON SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 4

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Kitty Jaramillo	Preferred

FULLERTON SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 5

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Vanesa Estrella	Endorsed

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