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VOTER GUIDE

GENERAL ELECTION San Francisco County



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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.

US CONGRESS

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION	REASON	
U.S. Representative, 2nd District	Jared Huffman (D)	Endorsed	Supports a ceasefire, voted against a couple funding bills for Israel, and to censure Rep. Tlaib. Voted for Access to Counsel act and Renewing Immigration Provisions bill, and signed letter to withhold weapons from Israel.
U.S. Representative, 11th District	Nancy Pelosi (D)	No endorsement	While she signed a letter to support halting weapons transfers to Israel in 4/24, overall her votes, positions, and statements have been damaging to the community.
U.S. Representative, 11th District	Bruce Lou (R)	No endorsement	Not aligned on immigration, policing, and privacy.
U.S. Representative, 12th District	Lateefah Simon (D)	Endorsed	Supportive of community issues like ceasefire, civil rights, police, housing, and inclusion.
U.S. Representative, 15th District	Kevin Mullin (D)	Preferred	While not aligned on all bills, he co-authored H.R. 3985 Combatting Islamophobia, H. Res. 989 Muslim Heritage Month, H.Res.246 Ramadan, voted against H.R.6126 Isreal Supplemental Act



STATE SENATE

OFFICE	CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION	REASON
State Senator, 7th District	Jovanka Beckles (D)	Endorsed	Fully supports issues important to the community like ceasefire, divestment, privacy, and helping working families.
State Senator, 11th District	Yvette Corkrean (R)	No Endorsement	Not aligned on immigration, police/jail reform, environment, and other issues.
State Senator, 11th District	Scott Wiener (D)	No Endorsement	Co-authored dangerous bills - SB 1277 (biased genocide teaching), SB 1287 (anti-encampment/protests), and AB 2925 (biased discrimination teaching), despite significant community opposition.

STATE ASSEMBLY

OFFICE	CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION	REASON
State Assembly, 17th District	Matt Haney (D)	No Endorsement	While he has had a longstanding, close relationship with the community, because of his co-authorship of AB 2925 (biased discrimination training) and SB 1277 (biased genocide education), and support for SB 1287 (anti-encampment/protests), he receives a no endorsement.
State Assembly, 18th District	Andre Sandford (I)	No Endorsement	While we are aligned on prison reform, education, and housing, we disagree on policing issues.
State Assembly, 18th District	Mia Bonta (D)	No Endorsement	Voted for SB 1277 (biased genocide education), SB 1287 (anti-encampment/protests), and AB 2925 (biased discrimination training) despite community opposition. Has not publically called for a ceasefire.
State Assembly, 19th District	David Lee (D)	Preferred	Aligned on housing, criminal justice reform, and mental health services among other



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CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION	REASON
Aaron Peskin	Endorsed (#1)	He authored the Stop Secret Surveillance Ordinance, Facial Recognition ban, and supported a resolution against the Muslim Ban and Pretext stops ordinance, and ceasefire.
Ahsha Safaí	Preferred (#2)	Supported legislation protecting the community, such as against the Muslim Ban, and supports ceasefire.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - RANKED CHOICE

OFFICE	CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION	REASON
Board of Supervisors, District 1	Connie Chan	Endorsed (#1)	Voted in favor of demanding a permanent and lasting ceasefire in Gaza. She supported a resolution against Islamophobia, civil rights and surveillance reform, and community policing and accountability.
Board of Supervisors, District 1	Jen Nossokoff	Preferred (#2)	Supports ceasefire, and other civil rights issues.
Board of Supervisors, District 3	Sharon Lai	Endorsed (#1)	Has a relationship with the community. While she wants to hire more officers, she wants to expand alternatives to policing and restorative justice.
Board of Supervisors, District 3	Eduard Navarro	Preferred (#2)	Pro-ceasefire and aligned on many issues
Board of Supervisors, District 3	Moe Jamil	Preferred (#3)	Seems to be knowledgeable of County issues. Worth considering supporting.
Board of Supervisors, District 5	Dean Preston	Endorsed (#1)	Introduced SF's Ceasefire resolution, stood against the prosecution of the Bay Bridge 78 protesters, and has a relationship with the community.
Board of Supervisors, District 5	Bilal Mahmood	Preferred (#2)	Seems to be knowledgeable of County issues. Worth considering supporting.
Board of Supervisors, District 7	Myrna Melgar	Endorsed	Voted in favor of the SF Ceasefire Resolution.



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - RANKED CHOICE - CONT.

OFFICE	CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION	REASON
Board of Supervisors, District 9	Jackie Fielder	Endorsed	Has committed to take action to halt the genocide on Palestine and to stop police and legal repression of our communities locally.
Board of Supervisors, District 11	Chyanne Chen	Endorsed (#1)	Supported ceasefire resolution. Calls for more transparency and accountability from the Police Department
Board of Supervisors, District 11	Adlah Chisti	Preferred (#2)	Supports affordable housing, community issues, and ending the school-to-prison pipeline.
Board of Supervisors, District 11	Ernest Jones	Preferred (#3)	Supports intervention programs and programs for mental health. Supports ceasefire.

OTHER SF COUNTY RACES

OFFICE	CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION	REASON
San Francisco Sheriff	Paul Miyamoto	Preferred	Requested cultural competency training and organized iftar dinner, attends Muslim and Arab events regularly, held meetings with Muslims, accessible and responsive.
San Francisco District Attorney	Ryan Khojasteh	Endorsed	Pro-ceasefire, supports right to protest and boycott, and civil rights.
San Francisco City Attorney	David Chiu	Preferred	While he does have ties to non-aligned groups, he has been a good advocate and is accessible and responsive to the Muslim and Arab community.



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OFFICE	CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION	REASON
Board of Education Trustee	Matt Alexander	Endorsed	Led a resolution instituting Eid as a school holiday. Supported our community against increased anti-Palestinian harassment and discrimination.

SAN FRANCISCO CITY COLLEGE BOARD

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Aliya Chisti	Endorsed
Heather Mccarty	Endorsed
Ruth Ferguson	Preferred

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO

OFFICE	CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION	REASON
City Council, 2nd District	Mark Nagales	Endorsed	Supported ceasefire resolution and other aligned issues
City Council, 4th District	James Hsu Coleman	Endorsed	Supported ceasefire resolution and other aligned issues



CITY PROPOSITIONS

PROPOSITION	TITLE	CAIR ACTION POSITION	REASON
Proposition C	Charter Amendment for an Inspector General	Support	This Proposition seeks to enhance accountability and transparency and maintain ethical standards. It would provide an independent entity to investigate corruption within the city government.
Proposition D	Commission Reduction Reform	Oppose	It could diminish community representation, reduce the diversity of voices by reducing the number of city commissioners..
Proposition E	Competing Measure on City Commissions	Support	It allows for a more balanced approach to commission reform, ensuring community input is heard before any changes are made. This would provide more government transparency.
Proposition F	Police Officers Retirement Benefit Plan	Oppose	This will divert taxpayer funds into police pensions rather than addressing root causes of crime through investing in resources, education, mental health services, and social programs that promote long-term public safety and equity.

STATE PROPOSITIONS

PROPOSITION	TITLE	CAIR ACTION POSITION	REASON
Proposition 6	Remove Involuntary Servitude as Punishment for Crime	Support	Incarcerated individuals should be treated with dignity and not forced into labor. It undermines criminal justice reform, and is a remnant of slavery-era policies.
Proposition 36	Increase Drug and Theft Penalties and Reduce Homelessness Initiative	Oppose	Proposition 36 has a: - Disproportionate impact on communities of color - Undermines criminal justice reform - Does not focus on rehabilitation - Exacerbates mass incarceration



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