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2024

VOTER GUIDE

GENERAL ELECTION
SAN MATEO 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 "Hammas does not deserve a ceasefire." Not aligned on issues.

US CONGRESS

OFFICE	CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION	REASON
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. Supports the Biden Administration's ceasefire proposal.
U.S. Representative, 15th District	Anna Cheng Kramer (R)	No Endorsement	Not aligned on issues like immigration and law enforcement.
U.S. Representative, 16th District	Sam Liccardo (D)	Preferred	History of engaging with community. Called for a ceasefire. Willingness to hire Muslim staffers, meet regularly with the community, and to learn more.



STATE SENATE

OFFICE	CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION	REASON
State Senator, 11th District	Scott Wiener (D)	No Endorsement	Co-authored dangerous bills - SB 1277 (biased genocide teaching), SB 1287 (anti-encampment/protests), AB 2925 (biased discrimination teaching), despite significant community opposition.
State Senator, 11th District	Yvette Corkrean (R)	No Endorsement	Not aligned on civil rights issues.
State Senator, 13th District	Josh Becker (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 Senator, 13th District	Alexander Glew (R)	No Endorsement	Not aligned on civil rights issues.
State Assembly, 19th District	David Lee (D)	Preferred	Aligned on housing, criminal justice reform, and mental health services among other issues.
State Assembly, 21st District	Diane Papan (D)	No Endorsement	Voted in favor of dangerous bills - SB 1277 (biased genocide teaching), SB 1287 (anti-encampment/protests), and AB 2925 (biased discrimination teaching), despite significant community opposition.
State Assembly, 21st District	Mark Gilham (R)	No Endorsement	Calls for the rebuilding of Solomon's temple. Not aligned on other issues
State Assembly, 23rd District	Marc Berman (D)	No Endorsement	SB 1277 (biased genocide teaching), SB 1287 (anti-encampment/protests), and AB 2925 (biased discrimination teaching), despite significant community opposition. Has not called for a ceasefire and condemned protesters.
State Assembly, 23rd District	Lydia Kou (D)	No Endorsement	Has not supported for a ceasefire and did not attend a multi-faith event in protest of CAIR.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board of Supervisors, 4th District	Antonio López (D)	Endorsed	Supports community issues like ceasefire, civil rights, and inclusion.
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CITY COUNCIL

BELMONT CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 4

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Pat CuvIELlo	Preferred

BURLINGAME CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 4 (FULL TERM)

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Donna Colson	Preferred

BURLINGAME CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 2 (FULL TERM)

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Hadia Khoury	Endorsed

DALY CITY CITY COUNCIL (SHORT TERM)

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Teresa Proaño	Endorsed

FOSTER CITY, CITY COUNCIL

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Phoebe Shin Venkat	Endorsed

MILLBRAE CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 1

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Ghassan Shamieh	Endorsed

DALY CITY, CITY COUNCIL (FULL TERM)

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Juslyn Cabrera Manalo	Endorsed
Glenn R. Sylvester	Endorsed

EAST PALO ALTO, CITY COUNCIL

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Ravneel Resh Chaudhary	Endorsed
Dennis C. Scherzer	Endorsed
Carlos Romero	Endorsed

REDWOOD CITY, CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 3

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Lisette Espinoza-Garnica	Endorsed

REDWOOD CITY, CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 7

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Diana Reddy	Endorsed

SAN BRUNO MAYOR

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Marty P. Medina	Endorsed

SAN BRUNO CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 2

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Tom Hamilton	Endorsed

SAN MATEO CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 2

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Charles Hansen	Endorsed

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 2

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Mark Nagales	Endorsed

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 4

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
James Hsu Coleman	Endorsed



SCHOOL BOARD

COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TRUSTEE AREA 4

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Chelsea Bonini	Endorsed

COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TRUSTEE AREA 5

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Maurice Goodman	Endorsed

SAN MATEO UNION HIGH SCHOOL TRUSTEE AREA 2

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Greg Land	Endorsed

SAN MATEO UNION HIGH SCHOOL TRUSTEE AREA 4

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Ligia Andrade Zuniga	Endorsed

JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT, GOVERNING BOARD

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Nadia Flamenco	Endorsed

MILLBRAE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT, GOVERNING BOARD (FULL TERM)

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Maggie N. Musa	Endorsed

SAN MATEO-FOSTER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, GOVERNING BOARD, TRUSTEE AREA 5

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Gene Kim	Endorsed

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	<p>Proposition 36 has a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Disproportionate impact on communities of color - Undermines criminal justice reform - Does not focus on rehabilitation - Exacerbates mass incarceration - Causes economic and social harm



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