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2024

VOTER GUIDE

GENERAL ELECTION

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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.

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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.

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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 (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

OFFICE	CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION	REASON
U.S. Representative, 5th District	Tom McClintok (R)	Oppose	Has taken a strong stance in support of Israel including voting for sending more money to the Israeli government's genocide in Gaza.
U.S. Representative, 5th District	Mike Barkley (D)	No Endorsement	Has not engaged with Muslim Community
U.S. Representative, 6th District	Ami Bera (D)	No Endorsement	Has not called for a ceasefire despite multiple meetings with the Muslim Community. Has voted on a number of bills to extend support to Israel.
U.S. Representative, 6th District	Christine Bish (R)	Oppose	Has made numerous pro-Israel statements including that the US government needs to do more to support Israel.
U.S. Representative, 7th District	Doris Matsui (D)	No Endorsement	While Congresswoman Matsui has supported the Sacramento Muslim Community for years it took a lot of effort on behalf of the community to talk
U.S. Representative, 7th District	Tom Silva (R)	Oppose	Not aligned on issues like immigration, civil rights, and law enforcement.

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STATE SENATE

OFFICE	CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION	REASON
State Senator, 1st District	Megan Dahle (R)	No Endorsement	Not aligned on civil rights issues.
State Senator, 1st District	David Fennel (R)	No Endorsement	Not aligned on civil rights issues.
State Senator, 3rd District	Tom Bogue (R)	No Endorsement	Not aligned on civil rights issues.
State Senator, 3rd District	Christopher Cabaldon (D)	Preferred	Aligned on housing, criminal justice reform, and mental health services among other issues.

STATE ASSEMBLY

State Assembly, 6th District	Maggy Krell (D)	No Endorsement	Not aligned with candidate on civil rights issues but more aligned than her opponent
State Assembly, 7th District	Porsche Middleton (D)	Preferred	Aligned on most issues.
State Assembly, 9th District	Heath Flora (R) Tami Nobrega (AI)	No Endorsement	Little to No alignment with either candidate on civil rights, immigration or law enforcement.
State Assembly, 10th District	Stephanie Nguyen (D)	Preferred	Aligned with candidate on civil rights and immigratio issues. Supportive of the Muslim community
State Assembly, 11th District	Lori Wilson (D)	Preferred	Aligned with candidate on civil rights, law enforcement and immigration issues

CITY COUNCIL

SACRAMENTO CITY MAYOR	
CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Dr. Flojaune 'Flo' Cofer	Endorsed

SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 2	
CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Roger Dickinson	Endorsed

FOLSOM CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 2	
CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Hla Elkhatib	Endorsed

FOLSOM CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 4	
CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Gul Khan	Endorsed

RANCHO CORDOVA CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 4	
CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Siri Pulipati	Endorsed

RANCHO CORDOVA CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 3	
CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Joe Little	Preferred

SMUD DIRECTOR, WARD 1	
CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Brandon D. Rose	Preferred

ELK GROVE MAYOR	
CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Bobbie Singh-Allen	Endorsed

SAN JUAN WATER DISTRICT, DIRECTOR, DIVISION 2	
CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Asif Sheikh	Endorsed

SMUD DIRECTOR, WARD 5	
CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Fatima Malik	Endorsed

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SCHOOL BOARD

SACRAMENTO CITY USD, TRUSTEE AREA 3

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Jose Navarro	Preferred

SACRAMENTO CITY USD, TRUSTEE AREA 4

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
April Ybarra	Preferred

LOS RIOS COLLEGE DISTRCT TRUSTEE

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Colette Harris-Mathews	Preferred

SAN JUAN WATER DISTRICT, DIRECTOR, DIVISION 2

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Jose Navarro	Preferred

FOLSOM CORDOVA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, AREA 4

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Chris Clark	Preferred

ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, AREA 7

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Susan Davis	Preferred

ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, AREA 7

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Rehana Rehman	Endorsed

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CITY PROPOSITIONS

PROPOSITION	TITLE	CAIR ACTION POSITION	REASON
City of Sacramento Measure E	Library Combined Parcel Tax Measure	No Position	This Measure renews a parcel-tax Measure of $54.50 per single-family residential unit and other specified rates to fund our libraries and keep them open.
City of Folsom Measure G	Sales Tax Enactment Measure	No Position	This Measure would authorize an additional sales tax of 1%.

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 - Causes economic and social harm

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