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2024

VOTER GUIDE

GENERAL ELECTION San Bernardino County



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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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SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY US REPRESENTATIVE CANDIDATES 2024

US REPRESENTATIVE | DISTRICT 23

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION	REASON
Derek Marshall (D)	Endorsed	Outspoken on issues of importance to community,

US REPRESENTATIVE | DISTRICT 28

Judy Chu (D)	Endorsed	Aligned with many issues in our community. Supports a Gaza ceasefire.
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US REPRESENTATIVE | DISTRICT 33

Pete Aguilar (D) Tom Herman (R)	No Endorsement	Neither candidate aligns with our issues.
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US REPRESENTATIVE | DISTRICT 35

Norma J. Torres (D) Mike Cargile (R)	No Endorsement	Neither candidate aligns with our issues.
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SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY | STATE SENATE CANDIDATES 2024

STATE SENATE | DISTRICT 23

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION	REASON
Kipp Mueller (D) Suzette Valladares (R)	No Endorsement	Neither candidate aligns with our issues.

STATE SENATE | DISTRICT 29

Eloise Gomez Reyes	Endorsed	Engages frequently with the Muslim community on issues of concern.
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**SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY | STATE
ASSEMBLY CANDIDATES 2024**

ASSEMBLY | DISTRICT 34

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION	REASON
Ricardo Ortega (D) Tom Lackey (R)	No Endorsement	Neither candidate aligns with our issues.

ASSEMBLY | DISTRICT 39

Juan Carrillo Ventura (D) Paul Andre Marsh (R)	No Endorsement	Neither candidate aligns with our issues.
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ASSEMBLY | DISTRICT 45

James C. Ramos (D) Scott P. Olson (R)	No Endorsement	Neither candidate aligns with our issues.
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ASSEMBLY | DISTRICT 50

Robert Garcia (D)	Preferred	Has shown willingness to engage with the Muslim community.
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ASSEMBLY | DISTRICT 53

Michelle Rodriguez (D) Nick Wilson (R)	No Endorsement	Neither candidate aligns with our issues.
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SAN BERNARDINO MUNICIPAL

REDLANDS CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 2

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Jennifer Maravillas	Endorsed

SAN BERNARDINO ASSESSOR-RECORDER-CLERK

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Dara Smith	Recommended

FONTANA CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 2

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Jesse Sandoval	Recommended

RIALTO CITY COUNCIL AT-LARGE

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Ana Gonzalez	Endorsed

SAN BERNARDINO SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

FONTANA SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 4

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Joshua Christ	Endorsed

REDLANDS BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 3

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Melissa Ayala-Quintero	Endorsed

REDLANDS BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 4

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Alex Vara	Endorsed

RIALTO SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 1

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Mirna Ruiz	Preferred

SAN BERNARDINO COLLEGE, DISTRICT 5

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Carlos Aguilera	Preferred

ETIWANDA SCHOOL BOARD TRUTEE AREA 5

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Anwar Abdul Rahman	Endorsed



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