



### CAIR ACTION'S 2024 VOTER GUIDE

### WHY THIS ELECTION MATTERS

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:

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**

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#### **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. Cornell West (J), or Chase Oliver (L)

# UNITED STATES SENATE

US SENATE	
CANDIDATE	CAIR POSITION
Adam Schiff (D) No Endorsement	No Endorsement No Endorsement

### **CITY ATTORNEY**

SAN DIEGO CITY ATTORNEY	
CANDIDATE	CAIR POSITION
Brian Maienschein	Preferred
Heather Ferbert	No Endorsement

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## REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS

REP. IN CONGRESS, DISTRICT 48	
CANDIDATE	CAIR POSITION
Stephen Houlahan (D) Darrell Issa (R)	No Endorsement No Endorsement

Darrell Issa (R)	No Endorsement
REP. IN CONGRESS, DISTRICT 50	
CANDIDATE	CAIR POSITION
Scott Peters (D) Peter Bono (R)	No Endorsement No Endorsement

REP. IN CONGRESS, DISTRICT 52	
CANDIDATE	CAIR POSITION
Juan Vargas (D) Justin Lee (R)	No Endorsement No Endorsement

REP. IN CONGRESS, DISTRICT 49	
CANDIDATE	CAIR POSITION
Mike Levin(D) Matt Gunderson (R)	No Endorsement No Endorsement

REP. IN CONGRESS, DISTRICT 51	
CANDIDATE	CAIR POSITION
Sara Jacobs (D) Bill Wells (R)	Endorsed No Endorsement

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### STATE REPRESENTATIVES

STATE SENATE, DISTRICT 39	
CANDIDATE	CAIR POSITION
Akilah Weber (D)	Preferred

### **CITY REPRESENTATIVES**

CHULA VISTA CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 4	
CANDIDATE	CAIR POSITION
Cesar Fernandez (D) Rudy Ramirez (D)	Endorsed No Endorsement

LEMON GROVE, MAYOR	
CANDIDATE	CAIR POSITION
Alysson Snow	Endorsed

LEMON GROVE CITY COUNCIL, AT LARGE	
CANDIDATE	CAIR POSITION
George Gastil Seth Smith	Endorsed No Endorsement

NATIONAL CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 2	
CANDIDATE	CAIR POSITION
Jose Rodriguez	Preferred

NATIONAL CITY, DISTRICT 4		
CANDIDATE	CAIR POSITION	
Marcus Bush	Endorsed	

OCEANSIDE CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 3		
CANDIDATE	CAIR POSITION	
Jimmy Figueroa	Endorsed	

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OCEANSIDE CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 4		
CANDIDATE	CAIR POSITION	
Omar Hashimi	Endorsed	



### **CITY REPRESENTATIVES**

SAN DIEGO MAYOR		SAN DIEGO CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 3	
CANDIDATE	CAIR POSITION	CANDIDATE	CAIR POSITION
Todd Gloria Larry Turner	No Endorsement Endorsed	Stephen Whitburn Coleen Cusack	No Endorsement Preferred

SAN DIEGO CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 9		
CANDIDATE	CAIR POSITION	
Sean Elo-Rivera (D)	Preferred	

VISTA CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 2		
CANDIDATE	CAIR POSITION	
Anthony White	Endorsed	

VISTA CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 3		
CANDIDATE	CAIR POSITION	
Katie Melendez	Endorsed	

# **SCHOOL BOARDS**

CHULA VISTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOARD, SEAT 4		SAN MARCOS SCHOOL BOARD, AREA B	
CANDIDATE	CAIR POSITION	CANDIDATE	CAIR POSITION
Zenith Khan Kate Bishop	Endorsed Pick One Endorsed	Sarah Ahmad	Endorsed

#### **REMAINING SCHOOL BOARDS**

CAIR POSITION

No Endorsement for the rest of the School Districts in San Diego County



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