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VOTER GUIDE

GENERAL ELECTION San Joaquin 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.

US CONGRESS

OFFICE	CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION	REASON
Congressional District 9	Josh Harder (D)	Preferred	Rep. Harder supports a "bilateral ceasefire", voted against censuring Rep. Tlaib, and for Access to Counsel act and Renewing Immigration Provisions bill. Due to his voting against only 2 out of 3 recent funding bills for Israel and for the Anti-Semitism bill, he earns a "preferred" ranking.
Congressional District 9	Kevin Lincoln (R)	Opposed	Unaligned on issues of civil rights, law enforcements, and immigration. He attended a trip to Israel alongside other Republican members in November of 2023.



STATE SENATE

OFFICE	NAME	CAIR ACTION POSITION	REASON
State Senate, District 5	Jerry McNerney (D)	Preferred	Has a long history of supporting human rights issues, including HR 2590 - Defending the Human Rights of Palestinian Children and Families Living Under Israeli Military Occupation Act
State Senate, District 5	Jim Shoemaker (R)	Opposed	Not aligned on our issues.

STATE ASSEMBLY

State Assembly, 13th District	Rhodesia Ransom(D)	Preferred	Aligned on housing, criminal justice reform, and mental health services among other issues.
State Assembly, 13th District	Denise Aguilar Mendez (R)	Oppose	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.

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CITY OF TRACY, MAYOR

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Mary Mitracos	Preferred

CITY OF TRACY, COUNCIL MEMBER (PICK 2)

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Steve Abercrombie Cliff Hudson	Preferred

CITY OF STOCKTON, MAYOR

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Christina Fugazi Tom Patti	Preferred No Endorsement

CITY OF STOCKTON, COUNCILMEMBER DISTRICT 2

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Waqar Rizvi Mariela Ponce	Preferred No Endorsement

CITY OF STOCKTON, COUNCILMEMBER DISTRICT 4

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Mario Enriquez Gina Valadez-Bracamonte	No Endorsement

CITY OF STOCKTON, COUNCILMEMBER DISTRICT 6

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION
Jason Lee Kimberly Warmsley	No Endorsement Preferred

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: <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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