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VOTER GUIDE

GENERAL ELECTION Los Angeles 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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LOS ANGELES COUNTY | US REPRESENTATIVE CANDIDATES 2024

US REPRESENTATIVE | DISTRICT 27

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION	REASON
George Whitesides (D) Mike Garcia (R)	No Endorsement	Neither candidate aligns with our issues.

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 29

Luz Maria Rivas (D) Benito Benny Bernal (R)	No Endorsement	Neither candidate aligns with our issues.
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US REPRESENTATIVE | DISTRICT 30

Alex Balekian (R)	Oppose	Has called for deportation and persecution of pro-Palestine student protesters.
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US REPRESENTATIVE | DISTRICT 31

Gil Cisneros (D) Daniel Martinez (R)	No Endorsement	Neither candidate aligns with our issues.
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US REPRESENTATIVE | DISTRICT 32

Brad Sherman (D) Larry Thompson (R)	No Endorsement	Neither candidate aligns with our issues.
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US REPRESENTATIVE | DISTRICT 34

David Kim (D)	Endorsed	Outspoken on issues of importance to community, such as Gaza. Aligned on most issues.
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LOS ANGELES COUNTY | US REPRESENTATIVE CANDIDATES 2024

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION	REASON
US REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 36		
Ted Lieu (D) Melissa Toomim (R)	No Endorsement	Neither candidate aligns with our issues.
US REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 37		
Sydney Kamlager-Dove (D)	Preferred	Aligned with some issues, though needs improvement on international issues. Supports ceasefire.
US REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 38		
Linda Sanchez (D)	Endorsed	Outspoken on issues of importance to community, such as Gaza. Aligned on most issues.
US REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 42		
Robert Garcia (D)	Preferred	Aligned with some issues, though needs improvement on international issues. Supports ceasefire.
US REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 43		
Maxine Waters (D)	Endorsed	Aligned with many issues relevant to our community. Supported Gaza ceasefire early on.
US REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 44		
Nanette Barragan (D)	Endorsed	Signed onto letter to Biden arguing against a Rafah invasion. Supports a Gaza ceasefire.
US REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 45		
Derek Tran (D)	Preferred	Aligned with many issues relevant to our community. Supports Gaza ceasefire.

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY | STATE SENATE CANDIDATES 2024

STATE SENATE | DISTRICT 23

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION	REASON
Kipp Mueller (D)	No Endorsement	Does not align with our issues.

STATE SENATE | DISTRICT 25

Sasha Renee Perez (D)	Endorsed	Supported City Ceasefire Resolution
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STATE SENATE | DISTRICT 27

Henry Stern (D) Lucie Voltzky (R)	No Endorsement	Neither candidate aligns with our issues.
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STATE SENATE | DISTRICT 33

Lena A. Gonzalez (D) Mario Paz (R)	No Endorsement	Neither candidate aligns with our issues.
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STATE SENATE | DISTRICT 35

Michelle Chambers (D) Laura Richardson (D)	No Endorsement	Neither candidate aligns with our issues.
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LOS ANGELES COUNTY | STATE ASSEMBLY CANDIDATES 2024

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 40

Pilar Schiavo (D) Patrick Lee Gipson (R)	No Endorsement	Neither candidate aligns with our issues.
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ASSEMBLY | DISTRICT 41

John Harabedian (D) Michelle Martinez (R)	No Endorsement	Neither candidate aligns with our issues.
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ASSEMBLY | DISTRICT 42

Jacqui Irwin (D) Ted Nordblum (R)	No Endorsement	Neither candidate aligns with our issues.
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LOS ANGELES COUNTY | STATE ASSEMBLY CANDIDATES 2024

ASSEMBLY | DISTRICT 43

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION	REASON
Celeste Rodriguez (D) Victoria Garcia (R)	No Endorsement	Neither candidate aligns with our issues.

ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 44

Nick Schultz (D) Tony Rodriguez (R)	No Endorsement	Neither candidate aligns with our issues.
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ASSEMBLY | DISTRICT 46

Jesse Gabriel (D) Tracey Schroeder (R)	No Endorsement	Neither candidate aligns with our issues.
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ASSEMBLY | DISTRICT 48

Blanca Rubio (D) Dan T. Tran (R)	No Endorsement	Neither candidate aligns with our issues.
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ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 49

Mike Fong (D) Long Liu (R)	No Endorsement	Neither candidate aligns with our issues.
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ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 51

Rick Chavez Zbur (D) Stephan Hohil (R)	No Endorsement	Neither candidate aligns with our issues.
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ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 52

Jessica Caloza (D) Franky Carrillo (R)	No Endorsement	Neither candidate aligns with our issues.
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ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 54

John K. Yi (D)	Endorsed	Aligned with many issues relevant to the Muslim community. Supports Gaza ceasefire.
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ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 55

Isaac G. Bryan (D)	Preferred	Aligned with many issues relevant to the Muslim community.
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LOS ANGELES COUNTY | STATE ASSEMBLY CANDIDATES 2024

ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 56

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION POSITION	REASON
Lisa Calderon (D) Jessica Martinez (R)	No Endorsement	Neither candidate aligns with our issues.

ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 57

Sade Elhawary (D)	Endorsed	Outspoken on issues of importance to community, such as Gaza. Aligned on most issues.
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ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 61

Tina McKinnor (D) Alfonso Hernandez (R)	No Endorsement	Neither candidate aligns with our issues.
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ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 62

Jose Luis Solache (D) Paul Jones (R)	No Endorsement	Neither candidate aligns with our issues.
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ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 64

Blanca Pacheco (D) Raul Ortiz Jr. (R)	No Endorsement	Neither candidate aligns with our issues.
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ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 65

Mike Gipson (D) Lydia A Gutierrez (R)	No Endorsement	Neither candidate aligns with our issues.
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ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 66

Al Muratsuchi (D)	Preferred	Aligned with many community issues
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LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL

ALHAMBRA CITY COUNCIL , DISTRICT 4

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION	POSITION
Katie Chan		Endorsed

BELL GARDENS CITY COUNCIL AT-LARGE

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION	POSITION
Jorgel Chavez		Endorsed

CUDAHY CITY COUNCIL AT-LARGE

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION	POSITION
Amanda Gomez		Endorsed

CULVER CITY COUNCIL AT-LARGE

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION	POSITION
Bryan 'Bubba' Fish		Endorsed

LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 14

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION	POSITION
Ysabel J. Jurado		Endorsed

MONTEBELLO, DISTRICT 2

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION	POSITION
Scarlet Peralta		Endorsed

POMONA CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 1

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION	POSITION
John Nolte		Endorsed

POMONA CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 6

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION	POSITION
Miranda Sheffield		Endorsed

BELL GARDENS CITY COUNCIL AT-LARGE

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION	POSITION
Miguel Villarosa		Endorsed

BELL GARDENS CITY COUNCIL AT-LARGE

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION	POSITION
Gaby Gomez		Endorsed

CUDAHY CITY COUNCIL AT-LARGE

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION	POSITION
Daisy Lomeli		Endorsed

LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 2

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION	POSITION
Jillian Burgos		Endorsed

LOS ANGELES DISTRICT ATTORNEY

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION	POSITION
George Gascón		Endorsed

MONTEBELLO, DISTRICT 4

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION	POSITION
David Torres		Endorsed

POMONA CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 4

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION	POSITION
Elizabeth Ontiveros-Cole		Endorsed

PALOS VERDES ESTATES CITY COUNCIL, AT-LARGE

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION	POSITION
Derek Lazzaro		Endorsed



PALOS VERDES ESTATES CITY COUNCIL, AT-LARGE

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION	POSITION
Craig Quinn		Endorsed

RANCHO PALOS VERDES CITY COUNCIL, AT-LARGE

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION	POSITION
Jeff Chen		Endorsed

RANCHO PALOS VERDES CITY COUNCIL, AT-LARGE

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION	POSITION
George Lewis		Endorsed

SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL AT-LARGE

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION	POSITION
Oscar de la Torre		Endorsed

SOUTH PASADENA CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 1

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION	POSITION
Omari Ferguson		Endorsed

SOUTH PASADENA CITY COUNCIL, DISTRICT 2

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION	POSITION
Sheila Rossi		Endorsed

WEST COVINA, DISTRICT 1

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION	POSITION
Brian Tabatabai		Endorsed

PALOS VERDES LIBRARY DISTRICT

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION	POSITION
Kingston Wong		Endorsed

PALOS VERDES LIBRARY DISTRICT

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION	POSITION
Zoe Unno		Endorsed

WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT OF SO.CA, DIVISION 2

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION	POSITION
Robert "Rob" Katherman		Endorsed

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SCHOOL BOARDS

ABC UNIFIED SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES, AREA 4

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION	POSITION
Tatiana Yokoyama Bui		Endorsed

CULVER CITY SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION AT-LARGE

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION	POSITION
Sameen Ahmadnia		Endorsed

LOS ANGELES SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 1

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION	POSITION
Kahlid Al Alim		Endorsed

LOS ANGELES SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 5

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION	POSITION
Karla Griego		Endorsed

LOS ANGELES COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES , SEAT 1

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION	POSITION
Andra Hoffman		Endorsed

LOS ANGELES COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES , SEAT 3

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION	POSITION
David Vela		Endorsed

LOS ANGELES COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES , SEAT 5

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION	POSITION
Nichelle M. Henderson		Endorsed

LOS ANGELES COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES , SEAT 7

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION	POSITION
Kelsey lino		Endorsed

PALOS VERDES PENINSULA USD, BOARD MEMBER

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION	POSITION
Ami Gandhi		Endorsed
Eric Alegria		Endorsed

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JUDGE RACES

JUDGE OF SUPERIOR COURT, OFFICE #39		
CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION	POSITION
George A Turner		Endorsed

JUDGE OF SUPERIOR COURT, OFFICE #48		
CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION	POSITION
Ericka J. Wiley		Endorsed

JUDGE OF SUPERIOR COURT, OFFICE #97		
CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION	POSITION
Sharon Ransom		Endorsed

JUDGE OF SUPERIOR COURT, OFFICE #135		
CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION	POSITION
Georgia Huerta		Endorsed

JUDGE OF SUPERIOR COURT, OFFICE #137		
CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION	POSITION
Tracey M. Blount		Endorsed

BALLOT MEASURES

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION	POSITION
PVPUUSD Measure SOS		YES

CANDIDATE	CAIR ACTION	POSITION
District Measure E (Fire Protection)		YES

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