American Muslims
Breaking Barriers
IN POLITICS

CAIR
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Introduction

Assalamualaikum,

Peace be with you. The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), the nation's largest Muslim civil rights and advocacy organization, Jetpac, a representation-driven organization that trains American Muslims who want to run for office, and MPower Change, the largest Muslim-led social and racial justice organization in the United States, have partnered to highlight and document a list of candidates who ran for office in 2020, including in primary elections. It is our intention that this report serves as a resource and inspiration for other Muslims and people of color to run for public office in the United States.

American Muslims are running for office in higher numbers than ever before, and this trend is expected to continue to rise with the many historic firsts we have seen across the country since 2017. A record 170 candidates were on 2020 ballots across 28 states and Washington D.C., which is the highest number since Jetpac, CAIR, and MPower Change started mapping the electoral progress of politicians who identify as Muslim.

The candidates who have been running since 2017, win or lose, have continued to build coalitions in their communities after their campaigns ended, which has resulted in more Muslims being engaged in issue-based organizing on the local level. Muslim representation is still often neglected by policymakers, but the increase of candidates and community organizers is increasingly forcing elected officials and the media to include our perspective in the narrative on healthcare, the economy, immigration, and every other issue impacting American life.

Increased political representation and higher civic engagement go hand in hand. The high level of voter registration and get out the vote efforts being organized by Muslim-led groups and elected officials in 2020 reflects this symbiotic relationship. For instance, CAIR's most recent exit poll found that 84% of Muslims voted in the general election signaling their significant influence on the outcome of the election. Muslim-led organizations did incredible work on voter registration, relational organizing, and election protection training in 2020 that could have decided close races in Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin.

This report only includes preliminary analysis of the 2020 results. In the following weeks, we will issue an comprehensive final report that will include a final list of all candidates, a section on the unique challenges that Muslim candidates face, interviews with 2020 candidates, and recommendations for the American Muslim community on how we can better support candidates from our community.
NIHAD AWAD
CAIR NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

“The American Muslims who ran for office and won were able to do so by building grassroots campaigns made up of diverse coalitions fighting for a just future in which every Muslim American’s civil rights and freedoms can be upheld and protected. Now that the election is over, we all need to work to formulate public policies that promote freedom and justice.”
Increasing our political representation is a critical part of defeating the violent rise of Islamophobia here and around the world because it forces elected officials and the media to include our perspective in the narrative on healthcare, the economy, criminal legal justice system, and every other issue impacting American life. I’m inspired by this new generation of Muslim political activists who are changing our community’s civic engagement through effective relational organizing to build diverse coalitions in the fight for economic and racial justice.
Muslim Americans are celebrating the election of members of our community across this country – from the school boards to the halls of Congress. No matter what happens on the presidential level, we will continue to build power, engage voters and focus on down ballot races because that’s where the real impact on our lives lies.
Muslim Candidates in 28 states and Washington D.C. ran for public office in 2020, the highest number we have recorded.

A total of 170

Muslims run for Congress in 14 states. 5 made it to the general election with 3 winning reelection. First-time candidate, Mike Siegel, lost a close race to represent the 10th Congressional District in Texas.

A total of 22

Muslims ran for state legislatures in 22 states with 23 winning. At least six made history as the first ever elected to a state office in their state.

Of the 35 candidates who ran for a seat on a School Committee or Board of Education, 12 successfully won seating. The number of elected candidates could rise as votes continue to be counted.

6 ran for judicial seats with 4 winning.

13 Muslims won municipal seats.

108 were either not elected or are in races that are too close to call due to a large number of ballots yet to be counted.

In total 33 incumbents were re-elected in 2020 with no one losing their seats.

Although American Muslims are running across the country, some states stood out: 27 ran in Minnesota; 22 in California; 22 in New Jersey; 19 in Michigan; and 9 in Massachusetts.

A total of 62

were successfully elected to office. In comparison, 49 Muslim candidates were elected to public office in 2019, and 57 in 2018 (the previous high mark in our record).

16 ran for county positions in 10 states, with 6 winning their election in 5 states.

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It’s an honor to once again be elected to serve the people of Indiana’s 7th Congressional District. Serving Hoosiers in Congress is the honor of my life and a responsibility I don’t take lightly. Regardless of the outcome in other races, I pledge to continue working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle on the critical issues that matter to the people of Indianapolis. Our country, state and city are facing unprecedented challenges, and we must come together in order to overcome them. 11/4/2020
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE RASHIDA TLAIB
(D-MICHIGAN)

“
To all my #13District residents: Thank you for your faith in me to continue fighting for our Western Wayne + Downriver + Detroit + Highland Park communities. I will never back down because you deserve someone who won’t sell you out and will always stay #rootedincommunity. 11/4/2020
”
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE ILHAN OMAR
(D-MINNESOTA)

"We are building a movement that sees my struggle as inherently tied to your struggle, and sees a world where all workers can be uplifted. Together. Today’s vote - the results of this election - are not the end. This is just the beginning. 11/3/2020."
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STATE REPRESENTATIVE-ELECT MADINAH WILSON-ANTON (D-DELAWARE)

In Delaware, Madinah Wilson-Anton will be the first practicing Muslim lawmaker to serve in the state’s General Assembly and the first Muslim to hold the local state House seat when she is inaugurated as the State Representative for the 26th district.

“I think if you look at the teachings of the prophet and how their community at that time governed themselves, it’s just very obvious that it’s important to be involved in public life,” says Wilson-Anton. “Also, it sends a message, when people see a Muslim woman involved in public life. ‘Well, maybe my stereotypes about Muslim women aren’t accurate.’ The idea that Muslim women are quiet and at home, that they don’t have a voice, they’re oppressed and all that, I don’t know how anyone could look at me and say that.” - Madinah Wilson-Anton, 10/29/2020 (The Review)

STATE REPRESENTATIVE-ELECT SAMBA BALDEH (D-WISCONSIN)

In Wisconsin, Samba Baldeh became the first Muslim elected to the Wisconsin State Assembly, and the first Black man to represent Dane County in the legislature.

“And now we will build back better and make sure every American has a chance to realize their potentials & be proud of this nation again...” - Samba Baldeh, 11/7/2020
STATE REPRESENTATIVE-ELECT
CHRISTOPHER BENJAMIN (D-FLORIDA)

Christopher Benjamin won the race to represent the 107th District in the Florida House of Representatives, becoming the first Muslim American elected to any state office in the Sunshine State.

“It’s overwhelming. I didn’t campaign with that in mind. This election was the culmination of my studies in political science, my bringing in my community and understanding its needs, and my community having confidence in me to lead in this way. Being the first Muslim ever to be elected statewide is just icing on the cake.”
- Christopher Benjamin, 11/5/2020 (Religion News Service)

STATE REPRESENTATIVE-ELECT
IMAN JODEH (D-COLORADO)

Iman Jodeh, the State Representative-elect for the 41st District in the Colorado House of Representatives, will be the first Muslim lawmaker in the state’s history.

“I have lived in Aurora for 35 years, almost my entire life. I’m the daughter of Palestinian immigrants and refugees, and small business owners and teachers...Six years of advocacy at the legislature has allowed me to advocate for all communities, whether that’s women and families, immigrants and refugees, equal pay for equal work, or criminal justice reform. I think being a representative that is a practicing Muslim, that is an Arab American, brings a different lens to that representation, but for me, leaning on that track record of advocacy for all people is what I plan to continue at the legislature.”
- Iman Jodeh, 11/10/2020 (CBS Denver)
STATE REPRESENTATIVE-ELECT FADY QADDOURA (D-INDIANA)

Fady Qaddoura became the first Muslim to win an election to the Indiana State Legislature when he won the race for the 30th District in the State Senate.

“We did it! Only in America can someone immigrate to this country, work hard, and earn the trust of tens of thousands of voters to become the first Muslim State Senator in Indiana’s history.” - Fady Qaddoura, 11/4/2020

STATE REPRESENTATIVE-ELECT MAUREE TURNER, (D-OKLAHOMA)

Mauree Turner, the State Representative-elect for the Oklahoma 88th District, will be the first Muslim lawmaker elected to the state’s legislature.

“I didn’t need a legislative seat to care for and work in my community. Community organizers rarely need seats to provide for our neighbors, friends, and family. but the nation is changing and should serve all of our people. You shouldn’t have to have a degree to have healthcare or a well paying job. You shouldn’t have to work yourself into an early grave just to survive. We know that and we’re here to change that. We’re here to build an American that works for everyone. Nothing About Us Without Us.” - Mauree Turner, 11/5/2020
COMMISSIONER-ELECT NIDA ALLAM
(D-NORTH CAROLINA)

Nida Allam made history by being elected as North Carolina’s first Muslim Woman elected official. She serves on Durham County’s Board of Commissioners.

“Durham it’s official. Tonight you’ve not only voted for me to serve as your next County Commissioner, you elected me as the TOP vote getter! Thank you for making history with me!”
- Nida Allam, 11/3/2020

COMMISSIONER-ELECT NAFISA FAI
(D-OREGON)

Nafisa Fai was elected to the Washington County Commission in Oregon making her the commission’s first Black and Muslim member in history.

“Thank you so much to the voters of District 1 for giving me this opportunity to represent our community. Together, we can have a tremendous impact on the lives of our residents. A refugee girl from Somalia is now elected to be a Washington County Commissioner.”
- Nafisa Fai, 11/4/2020
DIRECTORY OF OFFICIALS ELECTED IN 2020

* Disclaimer: These findings are preliminary. We will issue an updated assessment of the results in the upcoming weeks.
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California - Municipal

**Basim Elkarra**
(Nonpartisan)

Political Office: Twin Rivers Unified Board of Trustees
Results: Elected
Obtained 58.9% of the vote

**Aziz Akbari**
(Nonpartisan)

Political Office: Alameda County Water District Director (California)
Results: Elected
Obtained 23.96% of the vote

**Hosam Haggag**
(Nonpartisan)

Political Office: Santa Clara City Clerk (California)
Results: Elected, Unopposed

**Fauzia Rizvi**
(Nonpartisan)

Political Office: Western Municipal Water District (California)
Results: Elected
Obtained 46.3% of the vote out of four won seats
Colorado - State Legislature

**Iman Jodeh**
(D)
Political Office: Colorado State House (District 41)
Results: Elected
Obtained 65.9% of the vote

Connecticut - State Legislature

**M. Saud Anwar**
(D)
Political Office: Connecticut State Senate (District 3)
Results: Elected, Unopposed

Delaware - State Legislature

**Madinah Wilson-Anton**
(D)
Political Office: Delaware State House (District 26)
Results: Elected
Obtained 42.53% of the vote
Florida - State Legislature

Christopher Benjamin
(D)
Political Office: Florida State Legislature (107th District)
Results: Elected (Unopposed in General)
Won primary with 60.6% of the vote

Georgia - State Legislature

Sheikh Rahman
(D)
Political Office: Georgia State Senate (District 5)
Results: Elected, Unopposed

Indiana - U.S. Congress

Andre Carson
(D)
Political Office: US House of Representatives (IN-7)
Results: Elected
Obtained 62% of the vote
Indiana State Legislature

Fady Qaddoura

Political Office: Indiana State Senate (30th District)
Results: Elected
Obtained 52% of the vote

Iowa - State Legislature

Ako Abdul Samad

Political Office: Iowa State Representative (35th District)
Results: Elected
Obtained 81% vote for 1 of 3 board positions

Maryland - School Board

Raaheela Ahmed

Political Office: Prince George's County Public Schools (Maryland)
Results: Elected
winning 100% of the vote; unopposed
Massachusetts - School Board

Fatima Mezdad
(Nonpartisan)

Political Office: Concord School Committee (Massachusetts)
Results: Elected

Obtained 56% of the vote

Massachusetts - Municipal

Mehreen Butt
(Nonpartisan)

Political Office: Wakefield Town Council (Massachusetts)
Results: Elected

Obtained 45.6% of the vote

Sarah Khatib
(Nonpartisan)

Political Office: Walpole Planning Board (Massachusetts)
Results: Elected (Ran unopposed for 1 of 2 board positions)
Michigan - U.S. Congress

Rashida Tlaib
(D)
Political Office: U.S. House of Representatives (Michigan-13)
Results: Elected
78% of the vote

Michigan - State Legislature

Abraham Aiyash
(D)
Political Office: Michigan State Senate (4th District)
Results: Elected
Obtained 89.8% of the vote

Abdullah Hammoud
(D)
Political Office: Michigan State House (15th District)
Results: Elected
Obtained 70.5% of the vote
Michigan - City Council

Sam Baydoun
(D)

Political Office:
Wayne County Commission (Michigan)
Results: Elected

100% of the vote
Unopposed

Michigan - School Board

Mo Sabbagh
(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:
Crestwood School Board (Michigan)
Results: Elected

Obtained 23.6% of the vote for 2 positions

Adel Mozip
(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:
Dearborn Public Schools Board (Michigan)
Results: Elected

Obtained 16.9% vote for 1 of 3 board positions

Michigan - Municipal

Yameen Jaffer
(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:
Pittsfield Board of Trustees (Michigan)
Results: Elected

24.78% of the vote for 1 of 4 board positions
**Eric Sabree**  
(D)  
Political Office: Wayne County Treasurer  
(Michigan)  
Results: Elected  
Obtained 68% of the vote

**Charlene Elder**  
(Nonpartisan)  
Political Office: Wayne County 3rd Circuit Court (Michigan)  
Results: Elected, Unopposed

**Helal Farhat**  
(Nonpartisan)  
Political Office: 3rd Circuit Court  
(Michigan)  
Results: Elected  
Obtained 6.1% of the vote (Incumbent)

**Mariam Bazzi**  
(Nonpartisan)  
Political Office: 3rd Circuit Court  
(Michigan)  
Results: Elected  
Obtained 7.2% of the vote
## Minnesota - U.S. Congress

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Minnesota - City Council

Jamal Osman
(D)

Political Office:
Minneapolis City Council: Ward 6 (Minnesota)
Results: Elected
Obtained 36.08% of the vote defeating 12 opponents

Abdullahi Abdulle
(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:
Political Office: New Brighton City Council (Minnesota)
Results: Elected
Obtained 25.34% of the vote, topping ticket for 2 seats

Minnesota - School Board

Sharon Dumas El-Amin
(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:
Minneapolis Board of Education (Minnesota)
Results: Elected
54% of the vote for the only board position
New Hampshire - State Legislature

Safiya Wazir (D)

Political Office: New Hampshire State House (District 17)
Results: Elected

54.4% of the vote

Aboul Khan (R)

Political Office: New Hampshire State Legislature (Rockingham 20th District)
Results: Elected

Obtained 21.6% of the vote

New Jersey - City Council

Sophia Chadda (D)

Political Office: Bernards Township Committee (New Jersey)
Results: Elected

22.9% of the vote for 1 of 2 committee positions
**New Jersey - City Council**

**Yousef J. Saleh**  
(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:  
Jersey City Council (New Jersey)  
Preliminary Results: **58.5% on track to win the 1 vacant seat**

**Fozia Janjua**  
(D)

Political Office:  
Mt Laurel City Council (New Jersey)  
Results: **Elected**  
Obtained **19.3%** of the vote earning the 3rd final seat

**New Jersey - School Board**

**Fahim Abedrabbo**  
(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:  
Clifton School Board (New Jersey)  
Results: **Elected**  
Obtained **33.3%** of the vote for 1 of 3 seats

**New Jersey - School Board**

**Feras Awwad**  
(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:  
Clifton Township Board of Education (New Jersey)  
Results: **Elected**  
Obtained **29.1%** of the vote for 1 of 3 seats
New Jersey - Judicial

Mohammed Hussain
(Nonpartisan)
Political Office: Prospect Park School Board (New Jersey)
Results: Reelected with Obtained 48.1% of the vote for 1 of 2 seats

Bernice “Tina” Jalloh (D)
Political Office: Somerset County Surrogate’s Court (New Jersey)
Results: Elected Obtained 54.1% of the vote

New York - State Legislature

Robert Jackson (D)
Political Office: New York State Senate (District 31)
Results: Elected Obtained 87% of the vote
North Carolina - State Legislature

**Zohran Kwame Mamdani**

Political Office: New York State Assembly (District 36)
Results: Elected

100% of the vote; Unopposed

**Charles Fall**

Political Office: New York State Assembly (61st District)
Results: Elected

66.4% of the vote

**Mujtaba Mohammed**

Political Office: North Carolina State Senate (District 38)
Results: Elected

78.2% of the vote

**Nasif Majeed**

Political Office: North Carolina State House (District 99)
Results: Elected

64.5% of the vote
North Carolina - City Council

Nida Allam  
(D)  
Political Office:  
Board of Commissioners (North Carolina)  
Results: Elected  
Obtained 12.3% of the vote (top vote getter)

Oklahoma - State Legislature

Mauree Turner  
(D)  
Political Office:  
Oklahoma State House (District 88)  
Results: Elected  
Obtained 71.4% of the vote

Oregon - City Council

Nafisa Fai  
(D)  
Political Office:  
Washington County Commissioner (Oregon)  
Results: Elected  
Obtained 57.8% of the vote
**Pennsylvania - State Legislature**

- **Nadia Hasan**
  - Political Office: Beaverton City Council (Oregon)
  - Results: Elected
  - Obtained 72% of the vote

- **Sharif Street**
  - Political Office: Pennsylvania State Senate (3rd District)
  - Results: Elected
  - Obtained 100% of the vote; Unopposed

- **Jason Dawkins**
  - Political Office: Pennsylvania State House (District 179)
  - Results: Elected, Unopposed

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Texas - Law Enforcement

Nabil Shike (D)
Political Office: Fort Bend County Constable (Texas)
Results: Elected
Obtained 51.7% of the vote

Utah - School Board

Mohamed Baayd (D)
Political Office: Salt Lake School Board (Utah)
Results: Elected
Obtained 70.12% of the vote
Virginia - Municipal

Naila Alam
(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:
Herndon Town Council (Virginia)
Results: Elected, secured 1 out of 5 seats out of 8 running

Wisconsin - State Legislature

Samba Baldeh
(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:
Wisconsin State Assembly (District 48)
Results: Elected

Obtained 79.7% of the vote
Directory of Candidates That Ran For Office But Were Not Elected and To Be Determined Elected Officials
Alabama - City Council

Yusuf Salaam
(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:
Selma City Mayor (Alabama)
Results: Not elected

Obtained 13% to finish 3rd of 12

Arizona - U.S. House of Representatives

Iman-Utopia Layjou Bah
(D)

Political Office:
U.S. House of Representatives (Arizona-2)
Results: Not Elected, Write-in Candidate

Arizona - U.S. Senate

Mohammad Arif
(I)

Political Office:
United States Senate (Arizona)
Results: Not Elected, Write-In Candidate
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<td>Balsz Elementary School District (Arizona)</td>
<td>Leading, ranking 3/6 for 3 seats</td>
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California - U.S. House of Representatives

Shahid Buttar (D)
Political Office: U.S. House of Representatives (California-12)
Results: Not Elected
20% of the vote

California - State Legislature

Fatima Iqbal-Zubair (D)
Political Office: California State House (District 64)
Results: Not Elected
Obtained 38.9% of the vote

California - City Council

Naz Khan (Nonpartisan)
Political Office: Freemont Mayor (California)
Results: Not Elected
Winning 4.8% of the vote
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<td>11% to finish in fifth place, 6% behind the 2nd and final seat</td>
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<td>Foster City City Council (California)</td>
<td>24% to obtain the 1st of 3 seats at the time this report was written</td>
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**Kamaal Martin**  
(Nonpartisan)  
Political Office: City Council, Lemon Grove Mayor  
(California)  
Results: Not Elected  
Obtained 20.1% of the vote placing 3rd out of four candidates

**Faisal Qazi**  
(D)  
Political Office: Fullerton City Council, District 2  
(California)  
Results: Not Elected  
Obtained 28.7% of the vote finishing 2nd out of four candidates

**Sabina Zafar**  
(Nonpartisan)  
Political Office: San Ramon City Council (California)  
Preliminary Results: 30% to finish 4% behind the 1st and final seat at the time this report was written

**Belel Aftab**  
(D)  
Political Office: Saratoga City Council (California)  
Results: Not Elected, Obtained 15% of the vote finishing in 4th out of six
California - Municipal

Basil Saleh
(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:
Campbell Union High School District Trustee Seat (California)
Results: Not Elected
Obtained 33.4% of the vote

Mohamed ElSherbini
(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:
Danville Town Council (California)
Results: Not Elected
Obtained 5.07% of the vote

Kaisar Ahmed
(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:
San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors (California)
Results: Not Elected
Obtained 8.6% of the vote
DC - City Council

Marcus Goodwin

Political Office: Washington D.C. Council at Large
Results: Not Elected

Obtained 11.6% of the vote

Florida - State Legislature

Imtiaz Mohammad

Political Office: Florida State House (District 119)
Results: Not Elected

Obtained 34.68% of the vote finishing 2nd out of four candidates

Florida - Municipal

Noor Fawzy

Political Office: Coral Springs City Commission (Florida)
Results: Not Elected

Obtained 11% of the vote
Khalid Muneer  
(D)  
Political Office:  
Orange County Property Appraiser  
(Florida)  
Results: Not Elected  

Obtained 8% of the vote

Vibert "Issa" White  
(Nonpartisan)  
Political Office:  
Orange County Soil and Water Conservation District 3  
(Florida)  
Results: Unofficially Withdrew

GEORGIA

Georgia - U.S. Congress

Nabilah Islam  
(D)  
Political Office:  
U.S. House of Representatives  
(Georgia-7)  
Results: Not Elected  

Obtained 12.3% of the vote

Rashid Malik  
(D)  
Political Office:  
U.S. House of Representatives  
(Georgia-7)  
Results: Not Elected  

8% of the vote, finishing 4/4 for 2 seats
### Georgia - State Legislature

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<td>Mohammed Jahangir Hossain (D)</td>
<td>Georgia State Senate (District 41) Results: Not Elected</td>
<td>15.2%</td>
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<td>Josh Uddin (D)</td>
<td>Georgia State Senate (District 48) Results: Lost in Primary with</td>
<td>22.6%</td>
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<td>Maryam Ahmad (D)</td>
<td>Dekalb County Commission District 6 (Georgia) Results: Not Elected</td>
<td>41.4%</td>
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<td>Md Naser (D)</td>
<td>Dekalb County Commission (Georgia) Results: Not Elected</td>
<td>23.2%</td>
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<td>US House of Representatives (IL-1)</td>
<td>7.9%</td>
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<td>Rush Darwish</td>
<td>U.S. House of Representatives (Illinois-3)</td>
<td>5.7%</td>
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<td>Illinois State Senate (District 22)</td>
<td>18.5%</td>
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Illinois - City Council

Zahra Suratwala (D)

Political Office: DuPage County Board (Illinois)
Results: Not Elected

44% of the vote for 1 board position

Illinois - Judicial

Azam Nizamuddin (D)

Political Office: DuPage Circuit Court Judge (Illinois)
Results: Not Elected

Obtained 8.57% of the vote

Maryland - U.S. House of Representatives

Hasan “Jay” Jalisi (D)

Political Office: U.S. House of Representatives (Maryland-7)
Results: Not Elected

Obtained 0.7% of the vote
Saafir Rabb
(D)
Political Office: U.S. House of Representatives (Maryland-7)
Results: Not Elected
Obtained 0.6% of the vote

Ihssane Leckey
(D)
Political Office: U.S. House of Representatives (Massachusetts-4)
Results: Not Elected
Obtained 11.1% of the vote

Muzammil Nazir
(D)
Political Office: Massachusetts State House (3rd Bristol District)
Results: Not Elected
Obtained 15.3% of the vote in primary

Syed Hashmi
(Independent)
Political Office: Massachusetts State House (District 4)
Results: Not Elected
Obtained 28.9% of the vote
Ceylan Rowe (D)  
Political Office: Massachusetts State House (12th Worcester District)  
Results: Not elected  
Won 28.4% of the vote, finished second in Dem primary

Nichole Mossalam (D)  
Political Office: Massachusetts State House (35th Middlesex District)  
Results: Not Elected  
Won 44.3% of the vote

Massachusetts - School Board

Salina Chowdhury (Nonpartisan)  
Political Office: Foxboro School Committee (Massachusetts)  
Results: Not Elected  
Won 47.8% of the vote for 0 of 1 committee position
Michigan - U.S. Congress

**Solomon Rajput**  
(D)  
Political Office: U.S. House of Representatives (Michigan-12)  
Results: Not Elected  
19.1% of the vote

Michigan - Municipal

**Mohammed Hassan**  
(D)  
Political Office: Wayne County Commission (Michigan)  
Results: Not Elected  
24.3% of the vote

Michigan - School Board

**Dima El-Gamal**  
(Nonpartisan)  
Political Office: Bloomfield Hills School Board (Michigan)  
Results: Not Elected  
15.5% of the vote

**Zakaria Alhabbal**  
(Nonpartisan)  
Political Office: Crestwood School Board (Michigan)  
Results: Not Elected  
7.8% of the vote for 1 of 2 board positions
Mohamad Berri
(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:
Crestwood School Board (Michigan)
Results: Not Elected

Obtained 16.6%
of the vote for 1 position

Batoul Biaz
(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:
Dearborn Heights School Board (Michigan)
Results: Not Elected

Obtained 5%
of the vote

Maali Luqman
(D)

Political Office:
Dearborn Heights School Board (Michigan)
Results: Not Elected

Obtained 20%
of the vote

Nash Salami
(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:
Birmingham School Board (Michigan)
Results: Not Elected

Obtained 21%
of the vote for 1 out of 2 board positions
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<td>Sharifa Galab</td>
<td>Dearborn Heights School Board (Michigan)</td>
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<td>Dalia Al-Aqid</td>
<td>US House of Representatives (Minnesota-5)</td>
<td>(R)</td>
<td>4.6%</td>
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<td>Amir Malik</td>
<td>Minnesota State House (District 37B)</td>
<td>(D)</td>
<td>47.49%</td>
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<td>Sahra Odowa</td>
<td>Minnesota State Senate (District 55)</td>
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<td>38.3%</td>
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<td>Isaiah Whitmore</td>
<td>Minnesota State House (District 59B)</td>
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<td>Minnesota State House (District 60A)</td>
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Suleiman Isse, with 22.29% of the vote, won the vote for 2nd in DFL primary. Isaiah Whitmore, with 10.1% of the vote, won the vote for 3rd in DFL primary. Aswar Rahman obtained 3.8% of the vote, while Amal Ibrahim obtained 7.41% of the vote. Mohamed Issa Barre obtained 1.9% of the vote.
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<td>4.3%</td>
<td>winning of the vote; unopposed</td>
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<td>Not elected</td>
<td>0.8%</td>
<td>0.8% of votes in first round of special elections ranking twelfth</td>
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<td>Mounds View City Council (Minnesota)</td>
<td>Not elected</td>
<td>12.85%</td>
<td>12.85% of the vote to finish 5/5 for 2 seats</td>
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<td>Olmsted County Commissioner (Minnesota)</td>
<td>Not Elected</td>
<td>32%</td>
<td>32% of the vote</td>
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<td>Spring Lake Park City Council (Minnesota)</td>
<td>Not elected</td>
<td>11.11%</td>
<td>11.11% of the vote, finishing 4/4 for 2 seats</td>
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Minnesota - School Board

Hodan Ahmed
(Nonpartisan)
Political Office: Burnsville-Eagan-Savage District 191 Schools (Minnesota)
Results: Not Elected
Obtained 11.4% of the vote for 1 of 3 seats

Maryam Abdi
(Nonpartisan)
Political Office: Eden Prairie Public Schools, ISD 272 (Minnesota)
Results: Not elected
Obtained 10.72% of the vote, ranking 5/6 for 3 seats

Francesca Pagan-Umar
(Nonpartisan)
Political Office: Eden Prairie Public Schools (Minnesota)
Results: Not Elected
Obtained 13.65% of the vote

Habiba Rashid
(Nonpartisan)
Political Office: Mankato Area Public Schools ISD 77 (Minnesota)
Results: Not elected (won 3.31% percent to finish 16/18 for 4 seats)

Muna Mohamed
(Nonpartisan)
Political Office: Marshall Public Schools (Minnesota)
Results: Not Elected
Won 9% of the vote
Farheen Hassan
(Nonpartisan)
Political Office: Prior Lake-Savage School Board (Minnesota)
Results: Not Elected
Obtained 5.57% of the vote

Jamila Mame
(Nonpartisan)
Political Office: St. Paul Public Schools (Minnesota)
Results: Not Elected
Obtained 20.3% of the vote for 1 position

Amani Al-Khatahtbeh
(D)
Political Office: US House of Representatives (NJ-6)
Results: Not Elected
Obtained 2.8% of the vote

Alp Basaran
(D)
Political Office: US House of Representatives (NJ-9)
Results: Not Elected
Obtained 2% of the vote
New Jersey - City Council

Mohammad M. Ramadan (D)
Political Office: Haldon City Council (New Jersey)
Results: *Ranked 2nd of 3 for 2 seats at the time his report was written

Irfan Lateef (D)
Political Office: Holmdel/Monmouth County (New Jersey)
Results: *Ranked 4th of 4 for 3 seats at the time this report was written

Ahmed Shehata (Nonpartisan)
Political Office: Linden/Union County Board (New Jersey)
Results: *Ranked 5th out of 9 for 3 seats at the time this report was written

Khizar A. Sheikh (D)
Political Office: Mountain Lakes Borough City Council (New Jersey)
Results: *Currently in 2nd with 16.2% of the vote for 4 seats at the time this report was written

Zeeshan Siddiqi (Nonpartisan)
Political Office: Old Bridge City Council (New Jersey)
Results: *Ranked 1st with 47% of the vote at the time this report was written

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<td>Paterson City Council, Ward 2 (New Jersey)</td>
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<td>Shahin Khalique</td>
<td>Paterson City Council Ward 2 (New Jersey)</td>
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<td>Zarina Kiziloglu</td>
<td>Pleasanton City Council (New Jersey)</td>
<td>8.6% to finish in fourth place, 13% behind the second and final seat</td>
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<td>Smita Nadia Hussain</td>
<td>Bloomingdale Borough Board of Education (New Jersey)</td>
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<td>Ali Batliwala</td>
<td>Montgomery Township Board of Education (New Jersey)</td>
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Aisha Mahmood
(D)
Political Office: Parsippany-Troy School Board (New Jersey)
Results: *Currently ranked fourth out of six for three seats at the time of this report was written

Yusra Subhani
(Nonpartisan)
Political Office: Teaneck Board of Education (New Jersey)
Results: *Ranked 5th of 6 for 3 seats at the time this report was written

Sahar Aziz
(Nonpartisan)
Political Office: Westfield School Board (New Jersey)
Results: *Ranked 3rd of 10 for 3 seats at the time this report was written

Melinda Huerta Lee
(Nonpartisan)
Political Office: West Orange Board of Education (New Jersey)
Results: *Ranked 1st of 2 for 1 seat at the time this report was written
### New York - U.S. House of Representatives

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<td>Mahfuzul Islam</td>
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<td>Meherunnisa (Mary) Jobaida</td>
<td>New York State Assembly (District 37)</td>
<td>Not Elected</td>
<td>36.7%</td>
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North Carolina - U.S. Congress

Nasir Shaikh (R)
Political Office: U.S. House of Representatives (North Carolina-4)
Results: Not Elected
Obtained 11.4% of the vote

North Carolina - School Board

Fahiym Hanna (D)
Political Office: Guilford County Board of Commissioners, 8th District (North Carolina)
Results: Not Elected
Obtained 33.3% of the vote

Ohio - State Legislature

Reem Subei (D)
Political Office: Ohio State Senate (District 2)
Results: Not Elected
Obtained 47.8% of the vote
Mohamud Jama
(D)

Political Office:
Ohio State House
(District 25)
Results: Not Elected
Obtained 23.3% of the vote

Oregon - Judicial

Rima Ghandour
(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:
4th Judicial District
Circuit Courts
Position 12 (Oregon)
Results: Not elected
Won 42.3% of the vote, finishing runner up

Pennsylvania - State Pennsylvania - Municipal

Nina Ahmad
(D)

Political Office:
Auditor General
(Pennsylvania)
Results: Not Elected
Obtained 46.1% of the vote
Texas - U.S. Congress

Mike Siegel
(D)

Political Office:
U.S. House of Representatives
(Texas-10)
Results: Not Elected
Obtained 45.3% of the vote

Ahmad Adnan
(R)

Political Office:
U.S. House of Representatives (TX-17)
Results: Not Elected
Obtained 0.7% of the vote

Texas - City Council

Mubasher Warraich
(D)

Political Office:
Euless City Council, Place 4 (Texas)
Results: Not Elected
Obtained 39% of the vote for 1 available seat

Mujeeb Kazi
(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:
Keller City Council, Place 6 (Texas)
Results: Not Elected
Obtained 13.9% of the vote for 1 available seat
Utah - State Legislature

Sadaf Haq
(Nonpartisan)

Fatima Dirie
(D)

Jamilla Alani
(D)

Political Office:
Frisco City Council (Texas)
Results: Not Elected, Obtained 21.98% of the vote placing 2nd at the time this report was written

Political Office:
Utah State House Representative (District 33)
Results: Not Elected

Obtained 49.3% of the vote

Political Office:
Board of Education District 8 (Utah)
Results: Won Primary, Withdrew from General Election
Virginia - U.S. Congress

Qasim Rashid (D)

Obtained 40.9% of the vote
Political Office:
U.S. House of Representatives (Virginia-1)
Results: Not Elected

Wisconsin - State Legislature

Nada Elmikashfi (D)

Obtained 26.8% of the vote
Political Office:
Wisconsin State Senate (District 26)
Results: Not Elected