

American Muslims Breaking Barriers

Running for Office in 2020



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 serve as an inspiration for other Muslims and **BIPOC** people to run for public office in the United States. We also wish that it will increase media coverage of the rise of American-Muslims in our political system, and be a helpful resource for organizations and community organizers looking to support American-Muslims in politics.

American-Muslims are running for office in higher numbers than ever before, and this trend is expected to continue with the many historic firsts we have seen across the country since **2017**. A record 181 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. Muslim representation is still often neglected by policymakers, but the effective lobbying and mobilizing by Muslim-led organizations combined with the growth 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.

CAIR, Jetpac, and MPower Change also identified **16 American-Muslim** hires or appointees to the **Biden-Harris Administration**. This is a testament to the work of grassroots organizing and civic engagement led by a broad coalition of diverse groups of people. We are proud to see the growing representation of American-Muslims in higher levels of government working to promote change and equality from within.

Our organizations are often asked about what can be done to help increase American-Muslim voter turnout and political representation. It is important to acknowledge the immense progress made by the Muslim community. 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 at local levels. There are now many more Muslim-led organizations working in multiple states, and more Muslims are turning their passion for economic and racial justice into local activism. But, it is crucial that we continue to grow our impact. Organizations need financial support to excel and thrive. Similarly, Jetpac's research shows that candidates who receive financial support early have a

greater likelihood of performing well. Early fundraising success gives candidates a better opportunity to hire highly-skilled staff and consultants, provides media coverage that helps grow a candidate's name recognition among voters and political influencers, and increases the likelihood of a campaign earning endorsements from impactful groups.

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 likely helped decide close races in Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin.

This report is a comprehensive analysis of the **2020** results. Our upcoming project in collaboration with Jetpac is to build a comprehensive directory of Muslim elected officials serving at all levels of government. This will provide a wide audience of individuals including academics, politicians, researchers, and community members an insight into the landscape of American-Muslim civic engagement. We hope this report will continue to serve as an inspiration for Muslims and people of color to run for public office.



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.”



MOHAMMED MISSOURI
JETPAC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

“More and more American Muslims are answering the call for public service because we recognize that our democracy is stronger when our policymakers represent a diverse set of backgrounds and experiences. American Muslim representation is a crucial part of defeating the rise of violent Islamophobia in our society, and I'm very glad that our community continues to build civic power across all levels of government.”



LINDA SARSOOR
MPOWER CHANGE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

“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.”

KEY RESEARCH FINDINGS

A total of
181

Muslim Candidates in **28** states and Washington D.C. ran for public office in **2020**, the highest number we have recorded.

101

were not elected but ran a close race with high voter turn out.

A total of
23

Muslims ran 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.

18

Muslims won municipal seats.

80

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).

44%

of American-Muslim who ran a campaign in **2020** won their election.

6

ran for judicial seats with **4** winning.

CAIR, **Jetpac**, and **MPower** Change identified **16** notable American-Muslim hires and appointees to the **Biden-Harris administration**.

In total
31

incumbents were re-elected in **2020** with no one losing their seats.

47

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.

19

ran for county positions in **8** states with **8** winning.

Of the
46

candidates who ran for a seat on a School Committee or Board of Education, **23** successfully won their elections.

Although American Muslims are running across the country, some states stood out: **33** ran in New Jersey; **27** ran in Minnesota; **23** in California; **20** in Michigan; and **9** in Massachusetts.



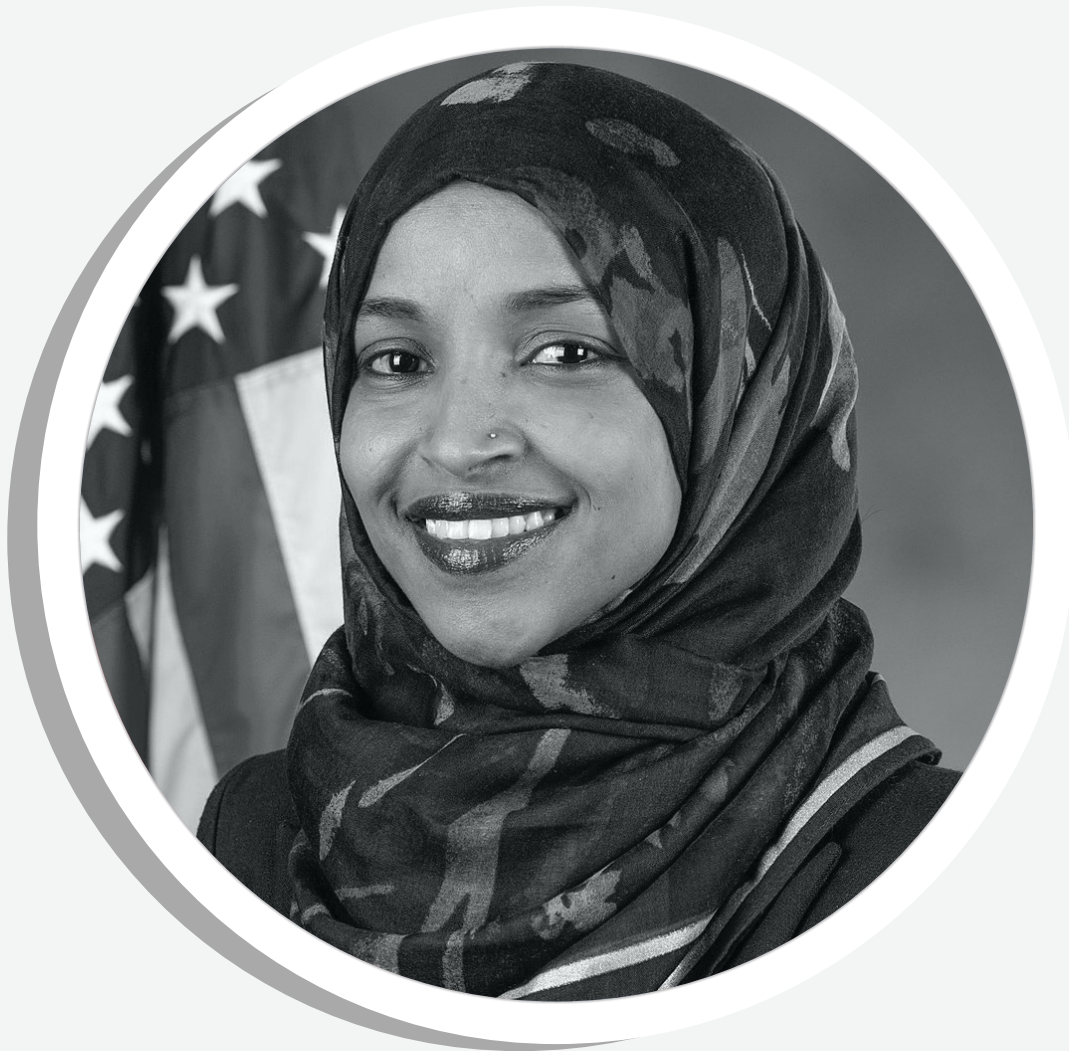
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE ANDRE CARSON
(D-INDIANA)

“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”

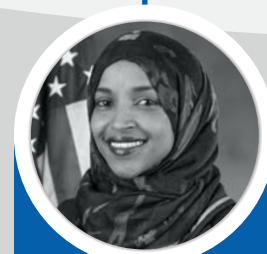
RE-ELECTION SPOTLIGHT

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CONGRESS



Rep. Ilhan Omar
(D-Minnesota)



Rep. Rashida Tlaib
(D-Michigan)



Rep. Andre Carson
(D-Indiana)

STATE LEGISLATURE



Rep. Abdullah Hammoud
D-Michigan House



Rep. Aboul Khan
R-New Hampshire House



Rep. Hodan Hassan
D-Minnesota House



Rep. Mohamud Noor
D-Minnesota House



Sen. M. Saud Anwar
D-Connecticut Senate



Sen. Mujtaba Mohammed
D-North Carolina Senate



Rep. Nasif Majeed
D-North Carolina House



Rep. Safiya Wazir
D-New Hampshire House



Rep. Ako Abdul-Samad
D-Iowa House



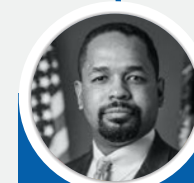
Rep. Charles Fall
D-New York State Assembly



Rep. Jason Dawkins
D-Pennsylvania House



Sen. Robert Jackson
D-New York State Senate



Sen. Sharif Street
D-Pennsylvania Senate



Sen. Sheikh Rahman
D-Georgia State Senate

COUNTY, JUDICIARY, MUNICIPAL, & SCHOOL COMMITTEE OR BOARD



Adel Mozip
Dearborn School Board, MI



Sarah Khatib
Walpole Planning Board, MA



Fahim Aderabbo
Clifton Board of Education, NJ



Hosam Haggag
Santa Clara City Clerk, CA



Maimona Afzal
San Jose/Franklin McKinley School District, CA



Mariam Bazzi
Wayne County 3rd Circuit Court, MI



Mehreen Butt
Wakefield Town Council, MA



Mohammed Hussain
Prospect Park School Board, NJ



Raaheela Ahmed
Prince George's County Public Schools BOE, MD



Sam Baydoun
Wayne County Commission, MI



Helal Farhat
Wayne County 3rd Circuit Court



Yameen Jaffer
Pittsfield Board of Trustees, MI



Charlene Elder
Wayne County 3rd Circuit Court, MI



Yousef J. Saleh
City of Jersey City Council, NJ



Aziz Akbari
Alameda County Water District Director, CA



Basim Elkarra
Twin Rivers Unified Board of Trustees, CA

SOURCE:



NOTABLE AMERICAN-MUSLIM

Hires and Appointees to the Biden-Harris Administration



Reema Dodin

Deputy Director of the White House Office of Legislative Affairs



Ali Zaidi

Deputy National Climate Adviser to the White House



Sameera Fazili

Deputy Director of the National Economic Council



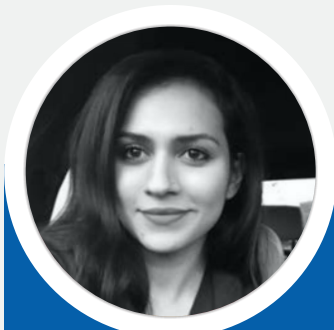
Dana Shubat

Senior Legal Affairs Adviser to the White House



Zayn Siddique

Senior Adviser to the White House Deputy Chief of Staff



Aisha Shah

Partnerships Manager at the White House Office of Digital Strategy



Hady Amer

Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Israeli-Palestinian Affairs



Adil Ahmed

Attorney Adviser, Office of the General Counsel, Department of the Army



Maher Bitar

Senior Director for Intelligence Programmes at the National Security Council (NSC)



Samiyyah Ali

Deputy Associate Counsel in the Office of White House Counsel



Salman Ahmed

Director of Policy Planning at the U.S. State Department



Saima Mohsin

Acting U.S. Attorney for Michigan's Eastern District



Farooq Mitha

Director of Small Business Programs at the Department of Defense



Uzra Zeya

Nominated for Under Secretary of State for Civilian Security, Democracy, and Human Rights



Brenda Abdelall

Senior Adviser for the Office of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security



Isra Bhatti

Senior Counsel at the Department of Justice

EIGHT MUSLIM CANDIDATES

Who Made
Representational
History



STATE REPRESENTATIVE MADINAH WILSON-ANTON (D-DELAWARE)

Madinah Wilson-Anton (D-Delaware) is the first practicing Muslim lawmaker to serve in the state's General Assembly and the first Muslim to hold the local state House seat 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 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 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 (D-Colorado) won the race for the 41st District in the Colorado House of Representatives, she is 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 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 MAUREE TURNER, (D-OKLAHOMA)

Mauree Turner, the State Representative for the Oklahoma 88th District, is 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 America that works for everyone. Nothing About Us Without Us."
- Mauree Turner, 11/5/2020



COMMISSIONER NIDA ALLAM
(D-NORTH CAROLINA)

Nida Allam (D-North Carolina) made history by being elected as North Carolina's first Muslim Woman elected official. She now 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 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



Arizona - School Board



**Muktar
Sheikh**

(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:
Balsz Elementary
School District (Arizona)
Results: **Elected**

Obtained
21.9%
of the vote to rank
3rd out of 4 for 3
available seats



California - City Council



**Antonio
Lopez**

(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:
East Palo Alto City
Council (California)
Results: **Elected**

Obtained
15.7%
of the vote to rank 3rd of
7 for 3 available seats in
general election

Editor's Note: Youngest member of the city council, joining a five-seat governing body w/ 2 veteran incumbents that were re-elected; first-time candidate



**Sam
Hindi**

(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:
Foster City City Council
(California)
Results: **Elected**

Obtained
24%
of the vote to
rank 1st of 5 for 3
available seats



Farrah Khan
(D)

Political Office:
Irvine City Council
Mayor (California)
Results: **Elected**

Editor's Note: Defeated incumbent Christina Shea in the general election for Mayor of Irvine

Obtained
48%
of the vote to rank 1st out of 4 for one available seat in the general election



Omar Din
(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:
Sunnyvale City Council,
District 6 (California)
Results: **Elected**

Editor's Note: This was the city's first ever district election

Obtained
42.9%
of the vote to rank 1st out of 3 for one available seat in the general election

California - School Board



Aliya Chisti
(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:
San Francisco
City College Board
(California)
Results: **Elected**

Editor's Note: First time candidate; first Muslim woman to be elected in San Francisco's history

Obtained
11.7%
of the vote to rank 4th out of 11 for four seats in the general election



Basim Elkarra
(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:
Twin Rivers Unified
Board of Trustees
Results: **Incumbent Re-Elected**

Obtained
58.9%
of the vote to rank 1st out of 2 for one available seat in the general election



Maimona Afzal

(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:
San Jose/Franklin-McKinley School District (California)
Results: Incumbent Re-Elected

Obtained
66.9%
of the vote to rank 1st out of 2 for one available seat in the general election

Editor's Note: First assumed office in 2018

California - Municipal



Aziz Akbari

(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:
Alameda County Water District Director (California)
Results: Incumbent Re-Elected

Obtained
23.96%
Obtained 23.9% of the vote to rank 1st out of 5 for 3 available seats in the general election

Editor's Note: First assumed office in 2016



Hosam Haggag

(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:
Santa Clara City Clerk (California)
Results: Incumbent Re-elected, Unopposed for one seat in the general election

Editor's Note: First assumed office in 2018; Santa Clara's first minority to be elected to the role



Fauzia Rizvi

(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:
Western Municipal Water District, Division 5 (California)
Results: Elected

Obtained
46%
of the vote to rank 1st of 4 for one available seat in the general election

Editor's Note: Defeated incumbent S.R. Lopez; ran for Corona City Council District and lost in 2018

Colorado - State Legislature



COLORADO



**Iman
Jodeh**
(D)

Political Office:
Colorado State House
(District 41)
Results: Elected

Obtained
66%
of the vote to rank 1st of
2 for one available seat in
the general election

Editor's Note: Ran unopposed in the Democratic primary election;
beat Republican incumbent Robert Andrews

Connecticut - State Legislature



CONNECTICUT



**M. Saud
Anwar**
(D)

Political Office:
Connecticut State Senate (District 3)
**Results: Incumbent Re-elected, Unopposed in the
general election**

Editor's Note: State Senator since 2019

Delaware - State Legislature



DELAWARE



**Madinah
Wilson-Anton**
(D)

Political Office:
Delaware State House
(District 26)
Results: Elected

Obtained
71.6%
of the vote to rank 1st out
of 2 for one available seat in
the general election

Editor's Note: Finished first in Democratic primary with 42.7% of
the vote



FLORIDA

Florida - State Legislature



Christopher Benjamin
(D)

Political Office:
Florida State Legislature
(107th District)
Results: **Elected**
(Unopposed) rank 1st
out of 1 for one available
seat in the general
election

Won primary with
60.6%
of the vote to rank
1st out of 2 for one
available seat



GEORGIA

Georgia - State Legislature



Sheikh Rahman
(D)

Political Office:
Georgia State Senate (District 5)
Results: **Incumbent Re-Elected,**
Unopposed in the general election

Editor's Note: First assumed office in 2019; ran unopposed in the Democratic primary election



INDIANA

Indiana - U.S. Congress



Andre Carson
(D)

Political Office:
US House of
Representatives (IN-7)
Results: **Elected**

Obtained
62.4%
of the vote

Indiana State Legislature



**Fady
Qaddoura**
(D)

Political Office:
Indiana State Senate
(30th District)
Results: Elected

Obtained
52.6%
of the vote



IOWA

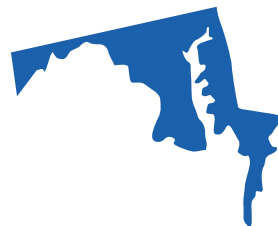
Iowa - State Legislature



**Ako Abdul
Samad**
(D)

Political Office:
Iowa State
Representative
(35th District)
Results: Elected

Obtained
97%
of the vote,
ran unopposed



MARYLAND

Maryland - School Board



**Raaheela
Ahmed**
(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:
Prince George's
County Public
Schools (Maryland)
Results: Elected

winning
98.2%
of the vote;
unopposed



Massachusetts - School Board



Fatima Mezdad
(Nonpartisan)

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

Obtained
55.7%
of the vote

Editor's Note: Fatima Mezdad, a first-time candidate, won by nearly a 2-1 margin to become Concord's first Muslim elected official.

Massachusetts - Municipal



Sarah Khatib
(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:
Walpole Planning Board
(Massachusetts)
Results: **Elected (Ran unopposed
for 1 of 2 board positions)**

Editor's Note: Sarah Khatib is Walpole's first Muslim elected official.



Mehreen Butt
(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:
Wakefield Town Council (Massachusetts)
Results: **Reelected (Ran unopposed for 1 of 2
Council seats)**

Editor's Note: Mehreen Butt is Wakefield's first Muslim elected official.



Michigan - U.S. Congress



**Rashida
Tlaib**
(D)

Political Office:
U.S. House of
Representatives
(Michigan-13)
Results: **Elected**

78.1%
of the vote

Michigan - State Legislature



**Abraham
Aiyash**
(D)

Political Office:
Michigan State Senate
(4th District)
Results: **Elected**

Obtained
89.7%
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**

Obtained
97.6%
of the vote;
Unopposed

Michigan - School Board



**Mo
Sabbagh**
(Nonpartisan)

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

Obtained
23.4%
of the vote for
1/2 positions



**Adel
Mozip**
(Nonpartisan)

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

Obtained
16.7%
of the vote for 1/3
board positions

Michigan - Municipal



**Yameen
Jaffer**
(Nonpartisan)

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

Obtained
24.78%
of the vote for 1 of 4
board positions



Eric Sabree
(D)

Political Office:
Wayne County Treasurer
(Michigan)
Results: **Elected**

Obtained
68.1%
of the vote

Michigan - Judicial



Charlene Elder
(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:
Wayne County 3rd Circuit
Court (Michigan)
Results: **Elected**

Obtained
6.5%
of the vote



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

Minnesota - U.S. Congress



Ilhan Omar
(D)

Political Office:
U.S. House of
Representatives
(Minnesota-5)
Results: **Elected**

Obtained
64.3%
of the vote

Minnesota - State Legislature



Mohamud Noor
(D)

Political Office:
Minnesota State House
(District 60B)
Results: **Elected,**
Unopposed

Obtained
98.1%
of the vote;
Unopposed



Omar Fateh
(D)

Political Office:
Minnesota State Senate
(District 62)
Results: **Elected**

Obtained
89%
of the vote



Hodan Hassan
(D)

Political Office:
Minnesota State House
(District 62A)
Results: **Elected**

Obtained
89.6%
of the vote

Minnesota - City Council



**Jamal
Osman**
(D)

Political Office:
Minneapolis City
Council: Ward 6
(Minnesota)
Results: **Elected**

Obtained
55%
of the vote



**Abdullahi
Abdulle**
(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:
Political Office: New
Brighton City Council
(Minnesota)
Results: **Elected**

Obtained
25.34%
of the vote

Minnesota - School Board



**Sharon
Dumas El-Amin**
(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:
Minneapolis Board of
Education (Minnesota)
Results: **Elected**

Obtained
54.89%
of the vote for
the only board
position



NEW HAMPSHIRE

New Hampshire - State Legislature



**Safiya
Wazir**
(D)

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

54.3%
of the vote

Editor's Note: ran uncontested in primary, incumbent



**Aboul
Khan**
(R)

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

Obtained
21.6%
of the vote

Editor's Note: in office from 2012-2014, 2016-present



NEW JERSEY

New Jersey - City Council



**Sophia
Chadda**
(D)

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

23.3%
of the vote for 1
of 2 committee
positions

New Jersey - City Council



**Yousef
J. Saleh**

(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:
: Jersey City Council
(New Jersey)
Results: **Elected**

Obtained
55.2%
of the votes

Editor's Note: first Muslim on Jersey City Council



**Mohammad
M. Ramadan**

(D)

Political Office:
Haldon City Council
(New Jersey)
Results: **Elected**

Obtained
37.68%
of the vote to
rank 2nd of 3 for 2
available seats



**Alfred
Mohammad**

(D)

Political Office:
Linden City Council,
Ward 4 (New Jersey)
Results: **Elected**

Obtained
82.25%
of the vote for
1 of 1 seats



**Khizar
A. Sheikh**

(D)

Political Office:
Mountain Lakes
Borough City Council
(New Jersey)
Results: **Elected**

Obtained
13.7%
of the vote to rank 2nd
out of 8 for 4 available
seats



**Fozia
Janjua**
(D)

Political Office:
Mt Laurel City Council
(New Jersey)
Results: **Elected**

Editor's Note: first Muslim, South-Asian woman to be elected on the Mt. Laurel City Council

Obtained
18.89%
of the vote
earning the
3rd final seat



**Shahin
Khalique**
(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:
Paterson City Council
Ward 2 (New Jersey)
Results: **Elected**

Obtained
30.48%
of the vote for
1 of 1 seat



**Robyn
Fatooah**
(R)

Political Office:
Raritan Township
Committee
(New Jersey)
Results: **Elected**

Obtained
27%
of the vote for
1 of 2 seats

New Jersey - School Board



**Smita
Nadia Hussain**
(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:
Bloomingdale Borough
Board of Education
(New Jersey)
Results: **Elected**

Obtained
26%
of the vote to rank
1st of 6 for 3
available seats



**Wasim
Muhammad**
(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:
Camden Board of
Education
(New Jersey)
Results: **Elected**

Editor's Note: President of the board as of April 2020

Obtained
22.3%
of the vote for
1 of 3 seats



**Fahim
Abedrabbo**
(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:
Clifton School Board
(New Jersey)
Results: **Elected**

Editor's Note: First Muslim Palestinian-American electetd to
Clifton Board of Education

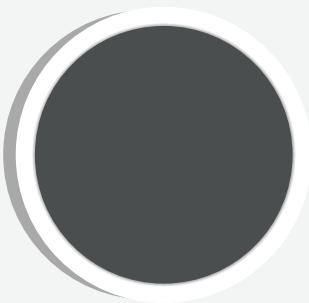
Obtained
33.3%
of the vote for
1 of 3 seats



**Feras
Awwad**
(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:
Clifton Township Board
of Education
(New Jersey)
Results: **Elected**

Obtained
28.4%
of the vote for
1 of 3 seats



**Amani
Syed**
(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:
Prospect Park
School Board
(New Jersey)
Results: **Elected**

Obtained
51.8%
of the vote for
1 of 2 seats



Al-Nisa Tucker

(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:
Hillside Board of
Education
(New Jersey)
Results: **Elected**

Obtained
51.8%
of the vote for
1 seat



Mohammed Hussain

(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:
Prospect Park School
Board (New Jersey)
Results: **Reelected with**

Obtained
48%
of the vote for
1 of 2 seats



Amber Murad

(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:
Somerset/Watchung
Board of Education
(New Jersey)
Results: **Elected**

Obtained
32.2%
of the vote for
1 of 3 seats



Kamal Zubieta

(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:
South Orange-
Maplewood
School Board
(New Jersey)
Results: **Elected**

Obtained
100%
of votes;
unopposed



Nancy Uddin

(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:
Tinton Falls Board
of Education
(New Jersey)
Results: **Elected**

Obtained
99.9%
of votes;
unopposed



Adam Nasr

(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:
Wall Township Board
of Education
(New Jersey)
Results: **Elected**

Obtained
48.2%
of the vote for
1 of 2 seats



Sahar Aziz

(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:
Westfield School
Board (New Jersey)
Results: **Elected**

Obtained
12.89%
of the vote to rank 3rd
of 10 for 3 available
seats



Melinda Huerta Lee

(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:
West Orange Board
of Education
(New Jersey)
Results: **Elected**

Obtained
23.6%
of the vote

New Jersey - Judicial



**Bernice
"Tina" Jalloh**
(D)

Political Office:
Somerset County
Surrogate's Court
(New Jersey)
Results: **Elected**

Obtained
53.84%
of the vote



NEW YORK

New York - State Legislature



**Robert
Jackson**
(D)

Political Office:
New York State Senate
(District 31)
Results: **Elected**

Obtained
88.4%
of the vote



**Zohran
Kwame Mamdani**
(D)

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

98.5%
of the vote,
ran unopposed



**Charles
Fall**
(D)

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

Obtained
68.8%
of the vote



NORTH CAROLINA

North Carolina - State Legislature



**Mujtaba
Mohammed**
(D)

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

Obtained
78.1%
of the vote

Editor's Note: incumbent, won by a landslide in both primary as well (59.4% ranking 1 of 3 candidates)



**Nasif
Majeed**
(D)

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

Obtained
64.6%
of the vote

North Carolina - City Council



**Nida
Allam**
(D)

Political Office:
Board of
Commissioners
(North Carolina)
Results: **Elected**

Obtained
20.1%
of the vote for 1 of
5 seats, top
vote getter

Editor's Note: ranked 4 out of 15 candidates in the primaries



OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma - State Legislature



**Mauree
Turner**
(D)

Political Office:
Oklahoma State House
(District 88)
Results: **Elected**

Obtained
71.36%
of the vote

Editor's Note: First Muslim lawmaker in Oklahoma's State
Legislature



OREGON

Oregon - City Council



**Nafisa
Fai**
(D)

Political Office:
Washington County
Commissioner (Oregon)
Results: **Elected**

Obtained
57.9%
of the vote



**Nadia
Hasan**

(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:
Beaverton City
Council (Oregon)
Results: **Elected**

Obtained
71.2%
of the vote



Pennsylvania - State Legislature



**Sharif
Street**

(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:
Pennsylvania State
Senate (3rd District)
Results: **Incumbent
Re-elected**

100%
of the vote;
Unopposed

Editor's Note: First assumed office in 2016



**Jason
Dawkins**

(D)

Political Office:
Pennsylvania State
House (District 179)
Results: **Incumbent
Re-elected, Unopposed**

Editor's Note: First assumed office in 2015



Texas - Law Enforcement



**Nabil
Shike**
(D)

Political Office:
Fort Bend County
Constable (Texas)
Results: **Elected**

Obtained
51.7%
of the vote to rank 1st of
2 for one available seat
in the general election

Editor's Note: First time candidate; first Muslim constable
in Precinct 4



Utah - School Board



**Mohamed
Baayd**
(D)

Political Office:
Salt Lake School
Board (Utah)
Results: **Elected**

Obtained
68.64%
of the vote to rank 1st of
2 for one available seat in
the general election

Editor's Note: First time candidate



Virginia - Municipal



**Naila
Alam**
(D)

Political Office:
Herndon Town Council (Virginia)
Results: **Elected, secured 1 out of 6
seats out of 8 running**

Editor's Note: First time candidate



Wisconsin - State Legislature



**Samba
Baldeh**
(Nonpartisan)

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

Obtained
79.6%
of the vote

Editor's Note: First Muslim member of the Wisconsin Legislature. Before his election to the Assembly, he served 6 years on the Madison City Council, and was president of the City Council from 2018 to 2019.

DIRECTORY OF CANDIDATES THAT RAN FOR OFFICE BUT WERE NOT ELECTED

*We congratulate and commend all those who ran an amazing campaign. We look forward to working with you all to increase American-Muslim civic engagement.



ALABAMA

Alabama - City Council



**Yusuf
Salaam**

(Nonpartisan)

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

Obtained
13%
to finish 3rd of 12 for
one available seat in
the general election



ARIZONA

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**

Arizona - State Legislature



**Ajlan
Kurdoglu**
(D)

Political Office:
Arizona State Senate
(17th District)
Results: **Not Elected**

Obtained
47%
of the vote to rank
2nd out of 2 for one
available seat in the
general election

Editor's Note: Ran unopposed in the Democratic primary election

Arizona- City Council



**Deedra
Abboud**
(D)

Political Office:
Maricopa County Board
of Supervisors (Arizona)
Results: **Not Elected**

Obtained
40%
of the vote to rank
2nd out of 2 for one
available seat in the
general election

Editor's Note: Ran unopposed in the Democratic primary election



California - U.S. House of Representatives



Shahid Buttar
(D)

Political Office:
U.S. House of Representatives
(California-12)
Results: **Not Elected**

Obtained
22.4%
of the vote to rank
2nd out of 2 for one
available seat in the
general election

Editor's Note: Ran against incumbent Nancy Pelosi; Obtained 13% of the vote to rank 2nd out of 6 for two available seats in nonpartisan primary elections

California - State Legislature



Fatima Iqbal-Zubair
(D)

Political Office:
California State House
(District 64)
Results: **Not Elected**

Obtained
40.5%
of the vote to rank 2nd out
of 2 for one available seat
in the primary election

Editor's Note: Lost to incumbent; Obtained 32.5% of the vote to rank 2nd out of 2 for 2 available seats in the primary election

California - City Council



Naz Khan
(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:
Freemont
Mayor(California)
Results: **Not Elected**

Obtained
5.3%
of the vote to rank
5th out of 6 for one
available seat in the
general election



Kashif Qaadri

(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:
Dublin City Council
(California)
Results: **Not Elected**

Obtained
7%
of the vote to rank
6th out of 9 for two
available seats in the
general election



Samir Qureshi

(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:
Dublin City Council
(California)
Results: **Not elected**

Obtained
11%
of the vote to rank 5th out
of 9 for two available seats
in the general election

Editor's Note: Was only 6% behind the 2nd and final seat



Kamaal Martin

(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:
City Council, Lemon
Grove Mayor
(California)
Results: **Not Elected**

Obtained
20.1%
of the vote to rank 3rd out
of 4 for one available seat
in the general election



Faisal Qazi

(D)

Political Office:
Fullerton City
Council, District 2
(California)
Results: **Not Elected**

Obtained
28.7%
of the vote to rank 2nd out
of 4 for one available seat
in the general election



**Sabina
Zafar**

(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:
San Ramon City
Council (California)
Results: **Not elected**

Obtained
30%
of the vote to rank 2nd out
of 2 for one available seat
in the general election

Editor's Note: Was only 4% behind the winner.



**Belel
Aftab**

(D)

Political Office:
Saratoga City Council
(California)
Results: **Not Elected**

Obtained
15%
of the vote to rank 4th out
of 6 for two available seats
in the general election

Editor's Note: Was only 3% behind the 2nd and final seat



**Zarina
Kiziloglu**

(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:
Pleasanton City
Council (California)
Results: **Not Elected**

Obtained
8.6%
of the vote to rank 4th out of
7 for two available seats in
the general election

Editor's Note: Was only 13% behind the second and final seat

California - Municipal



**Basil
Saleh**

(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:
Campbell Union High
School District Trustee
Seat (California)
Results: **Not Elected**

Obtained
33.4%
of the vote to rank
2nd out of 2 for one
available seat in the
general election



Mohamed ElSherbini

(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:
Danville Town Council
(California)
Results: **Not Elected**

Obtained
5.07%
of the vote to rank
8th out of 9 for three
available seats in the
general election



Kaisar Ahmed

(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:
San Bernardino County
Board of Supervisors
(California)
Results: **Not Elected**

Obtained
15.2%
of the vote to rank 3rd
out of 5 for one available
seat in the nonpartisan
primary election



DC - City Council



Marcus Goodwin

(I)

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

Obtained
11.3%
of the votes to rank
5th out of 24 for two
available seats in the
general election

Editor's Note: Was only 3% away from the second and final seat



Florida - State Legislature



**Imtiaz
Mohammad**
(D)

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

Obtained
34.7%
of the vote to rank 2nd out
of 2 for one available seat
in the general election

Editor's Note: The Democratic primary election
was canceled; Mohammad advanced from the
Democratic primary

Florida - Municipal



**Noor
Fawzy**
(Nonpartisan)

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

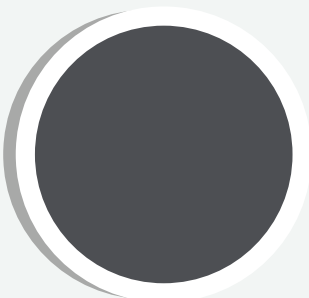
Obtained
11%
of the vote to rank
4rd out of 6 for one
available seat in the
general election



**Khalid
Muneer**
(D)

Political Office:
Orange County
Property Appraiser
(Florida)
Results: **Not Elected**

Obtained
8%
of the vote to rank 3rd
out of 3 for one available
seat in the Democratic
primary election



**Vibert
"Issa" White**
(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:
Orange County
Soil and Water
Conservation District 3
(Florida)
Results: **Unofficially
Withdrawn**

Obtained
11%
of the vote to rank
3rd out of 3 for one
available seat in the
general election



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 to rank 3rd out
of 6 for one available seat
in the Democratic primary
election

Editor's Note: Nabilah Islam, a first-time candidate, earned endorsements from national politicians and groups, like Rep. Ilhan Omar and Rep. Ro Khanna. She narrowly finished 3rd in a 6-person Democratic primary, which was won by a well-funded candidate with high-name recognition.



**Rashid
Malik**
(D)

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

Obtained
8%
of the vote to rank 4th
out of 6 for one available
seat in the Democratic
primary election

Georgia - State Legislature



**Mohammed
Jahangir Hossain**
(D)

Political Office:
Georgia State Senate
(District 41)
Results: **Not Elected**

Obtained
15.2%
of the vote to rank 3rd
out of 4 for one available
seat in the Democratic
primary election



**Josh
Uddin**
(D)

Political Office:
Georgia State Senate
(District 48)
Results: **Not Elected**

Obtained
22.4%
of the vote to rank 2nd
out of 2 for one available
seat in the Democratic
primary election

Georgia - Municipal



**Maryam
Ahmad**
(D)

Political Office:
DeKalb County
Commission District
6 (Georgia)
Results: Not Elected

Obtained
41.4%
of the vote to rank 2nd
out of 2 for one available
seat in the Democratic
primary election



**Md
Naser**
(D)

Political Office:
DeKalb County
Commission (Georgia)
Results: Not Elected

Obtained
23.2%
of the vote to rank 3rd
out of 4 for one available
seat in the Democratic
primary election



ILLINOIS

Illinois - U.S. Congress



**Ameena
Matthews**
(D)

Political Office:
US House of
Representatives (IL-1)
Results: Not Elected

Obtained
7.8%
of the vote



**Rush
Darwish**
(D)

Political Office:
U.S. House of
Representatives
(Illinois-3)
Results: Not Elected

Obtained
5.7%
of the vote

Illinois - State Legislature



**Raees
(Rae) Yawer**
(D)

Political Office:
Illinois State Senate
(District 22)
Results: **Not Elected**

Obtained
18.5%
of the vote



**Zahra
Suratwala**
(D)

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

46.5%
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,
finishing 7th of 19



**Saafir
Rabb**
(D)

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

Obtained
0.6%
of the vote,
finishing
9th of 19



Massachusetts - U.S. House of Representatives



**Ihssane
Leckey**
(D)

Political Office:
U.S. House of
Representatives
(Massachusetts-4)
Results: **Not Elected**

Obtained
11.1%
in a very competitive
primary race with
9 candidates

Editor's Note: Ihssane Leckey, a first-time candidate, ran a strong campaign that earned national endorsements, including from Rep. Ilhan Omar, and received positive local and national attention in a very competitive race with many well-funded candidates that have deep political ties. The winner of the historically high-turnout race earned 22.4 percent of the vote.

Massachusetts - State Legislature



**Muzammil
Nazir**
(D)

Political Office:
Massachusetts
State House
(3rd Bristol District)
Results: **Not Elected**

Obtained
15.3%
of the vote

Editor's Note: I Muzammil Nazir, a first-time candidate, ran in a special election against a well-established school community member. Nazir ran a strong campaign to build a foundation for future races.



**Syed
Hashmi**
(Independent)

Political Office:
Massachusetts State
House (District 4)
Results: **Not Elected**

Obtained
28.8%
of the vote

Editor's Note: Syed Hashmi, a Westborough Selectman, ran as an independent against an incumbent Democrat.



Ceylan Rowe
(D)

Political Office:
Massachusetts
State House
(12th Worcester District)
Results: **Not elected**

Obtained
28.4%
of the vote,
finished second in
Dem primary

Editor's Note: Ceylan Rowe, a first-time candidate, ran a strong campaign earning endorsements from statewide groups and high-profile elected officials in Massachusetts. She ran against the staffer of the district's retiring state representative, and finished with a respectable second in the three-way Democratic primary.



Nichole Mossalam
(D)

Political Office:
Massachusetts
State House
(35th Middlesex District)
Results: **Not Elected**

Won
44.3%
of the vote

Editor's Note: Nichole Mossalam ran a strong campaign earning many high-profile endorsements, and came up short against a 19-year incumbent who was in House leadership.

Massachusetts - School Board



Salina Chowdhury
(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:
Foxboro School
Committee
(Massachusetts)
Results: **Not Elected**

Obtained
47.7%
of the vote

Editor's Note: Salina Chowdhury, a first-time candidate, lost by only 60 votes after earning high-profile endorsements, the biggest name being Former Congressman Joe Kennedy, III. Salina is running again in 2021, also for Foxboro School Committee.



MICHIGAN

Michigan - U.S. Congress



Solomon Rajput
(D)

Political Office:
Political Office:
U.S. House of
Representatives
(Michigan-12)
Results: **Not Elected**

Obtained
19.1%
of the vote

Michigan - Municipal



Mohammed Hassan
(D)

Political Office:
Wayne County
Commission (Michigan)
Results: **Not Elected**

Obtained
24.3%
of the vote

Michigan- School Board



Dima El-Gamal
(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:
Bloomfield Hills School
Board (Michigan)
Results: **Not Elected**

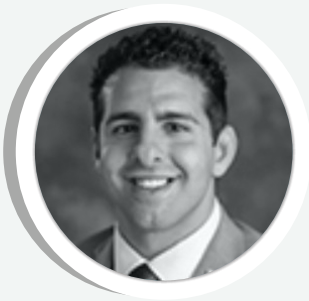
Obtained
15.5%
of the vote



Zakaria Alhabbal
(Nonpartisan)

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

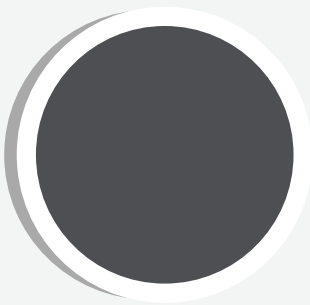
7.8%
of the vote for 1 of 2
board positions



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
20.56%
of the vote for
1 of 2 positions



Sharifa Galab

(Nonpartisan)

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

Obtained
8.9%
of the votes for 1 of 3
board positions



MINNESOTA

Minnesota - State Legislature



**Dalia
Al-Aqid**
(R)

Political Office:
US House of
Representatives
(Minnesota-5)
Results: **Not Elected**

Obtained
4.6%
of the vote

Minnesota - State Legislature



**Amir
Malik**
(D)

Political Office:
Minnesota State House
(District 37B)
Results: **Not Elected**

Obtained
47.5%
of the vote



**Sahra
Odowa**
(D)

Political Office:
Minnesota State
Senate (District 55)
Results: **Not Elected**

Obtained
38.3%
of the vote



**Suleiman
Isse**
(DFL)

Political Office:
Minnesota State
Senate (District 59)
Results: **Not elected**

Obtained
23%
of the vote for 2nd
in DFL primary



**Isaiah
Whitmore**
(DFL)

Political Office:
Minnesota State House
(District 59B)
Results: **Not elected**

Obtained
10.1%
of the vote
for 3rd in DFL
Primary



**Aswar
Rahman**
(D)

Political Office:
Minnesota State House
(District 60A)
Results: **Not Elected**

Obtained
3.8%
of the vote



**Amal
Ibrahim**
(D)

Political Office:
Minnesota State House
(District 60A)
Results: **Not Elected**

Obtained
7.4%
of the vote



**Mohamed
Issa Barre**
(D)

Political Office:
Minnesota State
House (District 60A)
Results: **Not Elected**

Obtained
1.9%
of the vote



**Saciido
Shaie**
(D)

Political Office:
Minnesota State House
(District 60A)
Results: **Not Elected**

winning
3.4%
of the vote

Minnesota City Council



**Suud
Olat**
(D)

Political Office:
Minneapolis City
Council (Minnesota)
Results: **Not Elected**

Obtained
0.79%
of the vote



**Murwo
Mohamed**
(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:
Mounds View City
Council (Minnesota)
Results: **Not elected**

Won
12.85%
of the vote to
finish 5/5 for
2 seats



**Regina
Mustafa**
(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:
Olmsted County
Commissioner
(Minnesota)
Results: **Not Elected**

Obtained
32%
of the vote,
finishing 2/2



**Nemeh
Al-Sarraj**
(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:
Spring Lake Park City
Council (Minnesota)
Results: **Not elected**

Won
11.17%
of the vote,
finishing 4/4
for 2 seats

Minnesota- School Board



**Hodan
Ahmed**
(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:
Burnsville-Eagan-
Savage District 191
Schools (Minnesota)
Results: **Not Elected**

Obtained
11.4%
of the vote



**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
13.66%
of the vote, ranking
4/6 for 3 seats



Habiba Rashid

(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:
Mankato Area
Public Schools
ISD 77 (Minnesota)
Results: **Not elected**

Obtained
5.39%
of the vote



Muna Mohamed

(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:
Marshall Public Schools
(Minnesota)
Results: **Not Elected**

Won
9.45%
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
20.33%
of the vote,
ranking 2/6



New Jersey - U.S. Congress



**Amani
Al-Khatahtbeh**
(D)

Political Office:
US House of
Representatives (NJ-6)
Results: **Not Elected**

Obtained
3.8%
of the vote



**Alp
Basaran**
(D)

Political Office:
US House of
Representatives (NJ-9)
Results: **Not Elected**

Obtained
2.4%
of the vote

New Jersey - City Council



**Tayfun
Selen**
(R)

Political Office:
Old Bridge City Council
(New Jersey)
Results: **Not Elected Ranked 2nd
out of 2 for 1 seat**



**Zeeshan
Siddiqi**
(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:
Old Bridge City
Council (New Jersey)
Results: **Not Elected**

Obtained
45.99%
of the vote to rank
2nd out of 2 for 1
available seat



**Mohammed
Aktharuzzaman**

(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:

Paterson City Council, Ward 2
(New Jersey)

Results: ***Ranked 2nd of 5 for 1 seat**

New Jersey - School Board



**Sarah
Aziz**

(Accountability, Honesty, Dedication)

Political Office:

Political Office: Monroe
Board of Education
(New Jersey)

Results: **Not Elected**

Obtained

12.8%

of the vote to
rank 4th of 8 for 3
available seats



**Ali
Batliwala**

(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:

Political Office:
Montgomery Township
Board of Education
(New Jersey)

Results: **Not Elected**

Obtained

14.1%

of the vote to
rank 4th of 7 for 3
available seats



**Irfan
Lateef**

(D)

Political Office:

Holmdel/Monmouth
County (New Jersey)

Results: **Not Elected**

Obtained

21.1%

of the vote to rank
4th of 4 for 3
available seats



Aisha Mahmood
(D)

Political Office:
Parsippany-Troy School
Board (New Jersey)
Results: Not Elected

Obtained
14.11%
of the vote to rank
5th out of 6 for 3
available seats



Ahmed Shehata
(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:
Political Office:
Linden/Union County
Board (New Jersey)
Results: Not Elected

Obtained
12.1%
of the vote to rank
5th out of 9 for 3
available seats



Yusra Subhani
(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:
Teaneck Board
of Education
(New Jersey)
Results: Not Elected

Obtained
10.18%
of the vote to
rank 5th of 6 for 3
available seats

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181 Muslim candidates ran for
public office in 28 states and
Washington, D.C.**



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New York - U.S. House of Representatives



**Shaniyat
Chowdhury**
(D)

Political Office:
US House (New York-5)
Results: **Not Elected**

24.1%
of the vote



**Badrun
Khan**
(D)

Political Office:
U.S. House of
Representatives
(New York-14)
Results: **Not Elected**

Obtained
5%
of the vote
in primaries

Editor's Note: Ran against Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez in the Democratic primary and received 5% of the vote in a 4-person race. Incumbent Ocasio-Cortez won with 74.4% of the vote.

New York - Municipal



**Moumita
Ahmed**
(D)

Political Office:
Queens Democratic Party
Committee (New York)
Results: **Not Elected**

Obtained
15.6%
of the vote

Editor's Note: Placed 2nd out of 8 candidates in the special election

New York- State Legislature



**Mahfuzul
Islam**
(D)

Political Office:
New York State
Assembly (District 24)
Results: **Not Elected**

Obtained
29.6%
of the vote



**Meherunnisa
(Mary) Jobaida**

(D)

Political Office:
New York State
Assembly
(District 37)
Results: Not Elected

Obtained
36.7%
of the vote



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



**Fahiyman
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

Editor's Note: Placed 2nd in a primary of 5 candidates



Oregon - Judicial



**Rima
Ghandour**
(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:
4th Judicial District
Circuit Courts
Position 12 (Oregon)
Results: **Not elected**

Won
41.9%
of the vote, finishing
runner up



Pennsylvania - State Pennsylvania - Municipal



**Nina
Ahmad**
(D)

Political Office:
Auditor General
(Pennsylvania)
Results: **Not Elected**

Obtained
46.3%
of the vote

Editor's Note: Won the primary and finished in a respectable 2nd place in the general election. Top vote-getter received 49.4% of the vote. Candidate raised an impressive \$1.8 million in campaign funding.



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

Editor's Note: Won primary and placed 2nd in general election.



**Ahmad
Adnan**
(R)

Political Office:
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**

Editor's Note: Mubasher Warraich's campaign saw great popularity among the Pakistani community in Dallas, encouraging political engagement in the 2020 presidential election as well.

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



**Sadaf
Haq**
(Nonpartisan)

Political Office:
Frisco City
Council (Texas)
Results: **Not Elected**

Editor's Note: First Muslim woman to run for Frisco City Council. Won primary election.

Obtained
21.79%
of the vote
placing 2nd in
general election

The 2020 elections were filled with groundbreaking moments for the entire country. To learn more about American-Muslim contributions to these historic moments.

Utah- State Legislature



**Fatima
Dirie**
(D)

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

Obtained
49.3%
of the vote

Editor's Note: Won the primary and finished in a respectable 2nd place in the general election. Top vote-getter received 50.7% of the vote.



**Jamilla
Alani**
(D)

Political Office:
Board of Education District 8 (Utah)
Results: **Won Primary, Withdrew from
General Election**

Virginia - U.S. Congress



**Qasim
Rashid**
(D)

Political Office:
U.S. House of
Representatives
(Virginia-1)
Results: **Not Elected**

Obtained
41.9%
of the vote and ranked
2nd in general election

Editor's Note: First Muslim ever to win a congressional primary in the state of Virginia.



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Wisconsin - State Legislature



**Nada
Elmikashfi**

(D)

Political Office:
Wisconsin State
Senate (District 26)
Results: **Not Elected**

Obtained
26.8%
of the vote

Editor's Note: Received the endorsement from US
Congresswoman Ilhan Omar (MN-5).