

10th Annual Muslim Day at the Capitol

May 13th, 2024

9:00 Registration Opens

[2nd Floor Rotunda]

9:30 Opening Remarks

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Veronica Laizure

CAIR-OK Deputy Director

Nicole Baumann

CAIR-OK Advocacy Coordinator

Masood Abdul-Haqq

CAIR-OK Board Chair

Imam Enchassi

Islamic Society of Greater Oklahoma City

10:00 Advocacy Panel- Local Advocacy for Global Justice

(How local advocacy can impact global issues, why it's important to pay attention and be engaged!)

[Multipurpose Room]

Rep. Arturo Alonso-Sandoval

Arturo Alonso-Sandoval is a recent college graduate, attaining a degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Oklahoma. With the help and trust of this community, Arturo has also managed to win his seat in the State House of Representatives

representing District 89 in south Oklahoma City as one of the youngest elected officials in the legislature.

Growing up on the south side of Oklahoma City, Arturo knows what it's like to face structural injustices. From his experiences, Arturo developed values such as learning, resilience, and service, immersing himself in academic and extracurricular activities while always striving to leave a lasting contribution to his community. Arturo is a first-generation American, bilingual, and the son of immigrant parents from Mexico so he is committed to working hard and fighting for progress.

Yasmin Abueisheh

A soon to be graduate of Pathways Middle College, and receiving her Associates from OCCC, Yasmin is a community leader, advocate, and activist. A Palestinian-American, she is a fierce advocate for justice in Palestine, and works with Oklahomans Against Occupation, a group focused on uniting voices for a free Palestine. She will be attending the University of Oklahoma in the fall to pursue health and exercise science with the plan to study pediatric emergency medicine.

Nabilah Rawdah

Nabilah is a lobbyist for several organizations including the Sierra Club, Oklahoma Policy Institute, Planned Parenthood, and Freedom Oklahoma (?). She helps advocate for various legislation that impacts all Oklahomans including anti-immigration bills, affordable housing, health care and more.

Amy Warne

Amy Warne, MBA, RD/LD, is a lifelong resident of Oklahoma. She is Mvskoke (Muscogee) enrolled, Semvnole (Seminole), and Daughter of Kaccvlke (Tiger Clan). Amy holds three higher education degrees in Health Care Management, Nutritional Sciences, and is a Master of Business Administration. She is a Registered and Licensed Dietitian and has served in healthcare since 2007. She has worked with youth and adults with developmental disabilities. Amy is active within the community through volunteering her time to various organizations that address food insecurity and food sovereignty, increasing voter turnout, and raising awareness for social justice. She is an avid supporter of small businesses, education, and the arts.

She currently serves as the chair of the Oklahoma County Democratic Party.

Rep. Ruwa Romman, Georgia HD 97 (facilitator)

11:00 Keynote

[Multipurpose Room]

Rep. Ruwa Romman, Georgia HD 97

Ruwa was born in Jordan and is the granddaughter of Palestinian refugees. Her family moved to Georgia when she was 7 years old. Ruwa graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Politics from Oglethorpe University in 2015 and a Master's in Public Policy from the McCourt School of Public Policy at Georgetown University in 2019. Ruwa currently works as a senior consultant for a professional services management company assisting government agencies and other stakeholders by advising, implementing, and developing improved strategies to deal with major public policy issues at the local, state, and federal level.

Her focus is on making government work for everyone, not just the few. She hopes to inspire more people to get involved and become civically engaged. Her key areas of action are to fully fund education, bridge the economic opportunity gap, expand healthcare access, and protect voting rights.

12:00 Lunch

[2nd Floor Rotunda]

1:00 Levels and Interactions of Governments

[Multipurpose Room]

Councilwoman Nikki Nice

Nikki Nice was elected Ward 7 Councilwoman in a November 6, 2018, runoff election becoming the tenth woman and second woman of color to serve at City Hall since the City incorporated in 1890. She was re-elected unopposed in February 2021.

Councilwoman Nice serves on the MAPS 3 Citizens Advisory Board, the Zoological Trust and the Trails Advisory Committee.

A fourth-generation Oklahoman, Councilwoman Nice was born, reared, educated, and spiritually nurtured in Ward 7. Her early education was completed in the Millwood Public School District. She is a graduate of Northeast High School and received a Bachelor of Arts

in Broadcasting from historic Langston University. She has studied abroad in The Gambia and Dakar, Senegal West Africa.

Councilwoman Nice is a well-known television and radio personality with nearly 15 years of on-air experience in the Oklahoma City market. Nice is a member of Eta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Tau Chapter and the Oklahoma Sooner City Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

Rep. Cyndi Munson

Originally from Lawton, Cyndi Munson developed her passion for public service at an early age. Her father's military service taught her the importance of giving back to the community around her.

A first-generation college student, Cyndi graduated from the University of Central Oklahoma with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and was awarded the Presidential Gold Medal for Leadership and Public Service. She used a semester of her undergraduate career to study non-profit and voluntary services at Georgetown University and then attended the University of Nebraska – Lincoln, where she earned a Master of Science in Leadership Education.

Cyndi has spent over a decade working in the non-profit community. Passionate about education and criminal justice reform, she most recently served OK Messages Project, a non-profit working to improve children's lives through shared reading with their incarcerated parent, as the Development and Community Engagement Coordinator. Prior to joining OK Messages Project, she served in a variety of professional roles in her five years with Girl Scouts of Western Oklahoma. Her insight helped to provide leadership programs for thousands of girls in low-income schools, juvenile detention centers, and public housing.

She currently serves as the House Minority Leader.

Angela Monson

A lifelong Oklahoman, Angela Monson has been an advocate for change for more than five decades. Working with the community, faith-based, civic, civil rights organizations, and others, she has been a leader for policy change in health care, education, social justice, taxes, and many other important issues that impact hundreds of thousands of Oklahomans. Angela served as a member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives from November 1990 until her election to the Oklahoma State Senate in 1993, where she served until November 2005. She earned a Master of Public Administration degree from the

University of Oklahoma and a Bachelor of Science in Corrections from Oklahoma City University. Angela is a graduate of the historic Oklahoma City Douglass High School.

Cindy Nguyen (facilitator)

Cindy Nguyen is the director of policy and advocacy with the ACLU of Oklahoma. She comes to the affiliate as an experienced racial and gender justice trainer with a background in crisis victim services. She has trained nonprofits, private companies, coalitions, and state agencies on equitable and inclusive policies and practices. Cindy graduated from the University of Central Oklahoma with a degree in Political Science and Public Administration. She began her career working with victims of domestic and sexual violence at YWCA Oklahoma City. Serving as the Director of Social and Economic Justice, she led their Stand Against Racism campaign and advocated for expanding the department's initiative to focus on survivors of color, 2SLGBTQ+ survivors, and the impact of the criminal legal system on communities.

In 2019, Cindy created the Asian Task Force of Oklahoma to address anti-Asian discrimination and gender-based violence in Oklahoma's AAPI community. She is an unapologetic advocate for all, with a career devoted to serving marginalized communities.

2:00 Prayer (2nd Floor Rotunda)

2:15 Office Visits

3:00 Conclude