

BREAKING NEWS

CHARLOTTE MUSLIM CAUCUS * DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

ELECTIONS ARE COMING!

**PRIMARY ELECTIONS ARE SET FOR
MARCH 3RD –
HERE'S WHAT'S AT STAKE!**

U.S. Senate
U.S. House of Representatives
NC State Senate
NC House of Representatives
NC Superior Court
NC Court of Appeals
NC District Court
Mecklenburg County Commissioner
Mecklenburg County Sheriff

Are You Registered to Vote?

Make sure your voice is heard in this election and stay informed by signing up with the Charlotte Muslim Caucus. We'll keep you updated on the issues, the candidates, and who's aligned with our community values through exclusive forums, interviews, and screenings.

Want to Help Shape our Endorsement Process?

Become a voting member and take part in our selection process. It's a meaningful way to get involved and membership is just a small annual fee. Reach out via email to get started.



MUSLIMS RUNNING FOR OFFICE

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WE ARE PROUD TO HIGHLIGHT ALL MUSLIMS RUNNING FOR OFFICE THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA!

NASIF MAJEED



NASIF MAJEED HAS BEEN A RESPECTED LEADER IN CHARLOTTE AND ACROSS NORTH CAROLINA FOR DECADES, MAKING A LASTING IMPACT IN PUBLIC SERVICE. AS THE FIRST MUSLIM EVER ELECTED TO PUBLIC OFFICE IN THE STATE, HE HAS PROVEN HIMSELF A TRAILBLAZER COMMITTED TO COMMUNITY, LEADERSHIP, AND PROGRESS.

MUJTABA A. MOHAMMED



AS AN ATTORNEY, NONPROFIT LEADER, GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTEE, AND NC STATE SENATOR SINCE 2018, MUJTABA MOHAMMED HAS BEEN A TIRELESS ADVOCATE FOR UNDERREPRESENTED COMMUNITIES. HE IS DRIVEN BY A DEEP COMMITMENT TO EQUITY, JUSTICE, AND CREATING A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR ALL CHARLOTTE FAMILIES.

NIDA ALLAM



NIDA ALLAM MADE HISTORY IN 2020 AS THE FIRST MUSLIM WOMAN ELECTED TO PUBLIC OFFICE IN NORTH CAROLINA, EARNING A SEAT ON THE DURHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. NOW SHE IS BUILDING ON THAT LEGACY WITH A HISTORIC RUN FOR THE U.S. CONGRESS REPRESENTING MEANINGFUL PROGRESS TOWARD GREATER JUSTICE, EQUITY, AND REPRESENTATION.

SHARIF HANNAN



SHARIF HANNAN'S RUN FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER AT-LARGE REFLECTS THE MISSION OF THE CHARLOTTE MUSLIM CAUCUS: EMPOWERING MUSLIM LEADERS TO STEP INTO PUBLIC SERVICE AND CHAMPION POLICIES THAT SERVE PEOPLE WITH JUSTICE AND EQUITY. HE HOPES HIS RUN FOR PUBLIC OFFICE WILL INSPIRE OTHERS TO DO THE SAME.



RUNNING FOR NC STATE SENATE SEAT 22



LAKESHIA M. ALSTON

RUNNING FOR RALI GH CITY COUNCIL AT-LARGE



SANA SIDDIQUI

MAJOR LOCAL ISSUES TO CONSIDER

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THE FOLLOWING ARE KEY ISSUES WE SHOULD ALL BE PAYING ATTENTION TO:

I-77 HIGHWAY

THE I-77 SOUTH EXPRESS LANES PROJECT IS MOVING FORWARD, ADDING TOLL LANES BETWEEN UPTOWN CHARLOTTE AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE LINE. THE LONG-TERM CONTRACT IS MANAGED BY A PRIVATE DEVELOPER WHO INTENDS TO USE DYNAMIC TOLL PRICING FOR THE LANES – CHANGING BASED ON TRAFFIC LEVELS. SOME VEHICLES LIKE CARPOOLERS, EMERGENCY SERVICES, AND TRANSIT CAN USE THE LANES FOR FREE. THE STATE RETAINS THE RIGHT TO EXPAND HIGHWAY CAPACITY LATER, BUT MUST COMPENSATE THE DEVELOPER IF THAT EXPANSION COMPETES WITH TOLL REVENUE. SUPPORTERS CLAIM IT WILL EASE CONGESTION, WHILE CRITICS SAY IT PRIORITIZES PRIVATE PROFIT OVER PUBLIC INTEREST.

PROS

- FASTER OPTION DURING PEAK TRAFFIC
- FREE FOR CARPOOLERS, TRANSIT, & EMERGENCY VEHICLES
- REAL-TIME TRAFFIC UPDATES
- DISCOUNTS FOR LOW-INCOME DRIVERS
- AIMS TO REDUCE CONGESTION WITH TOLLS

CONS

- PRIVATELY-OPERATED FOR PROFIT
- TOLL RATES RISE YEARLY
- MORE LANES CAN MEAN MORE TRAFFIC
- IMPACTS NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS
- STATE MUST PAY TO BUILD FREE ALTERNATIVES
- LONG-TERM PRIVATE DEAL LIMITS PUBLIC CONTROL
- PUBLIC TAXED TWICE

COP CITY

A \$100+ MILLION PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING FACILITY IS PLANNED NEXT TO CPCC'S LEVINE CAMPUS IN MATTHEWS, AIMED AT POLICE, FIRE, AND EMS TRAINING. FUNDED THROUGH COUNTY RESOURCES AND PARTNERSHIPS, THE PROJECT INCLUDES A MAJOR LAND DONATION —BUT MUCH OF THE DECISION-MAKING HAPPENED WITH LIMITED PUBLIC INPUT. CRITICS SAY THE PROCESS LACKED TRANSPARENCY AND MAY HAVE VIOLATED OPEN MEETING LAWS. WHILE SUPPORTERS CITE IMPROVED SAFETY AND TRAINING, OPPONENTS ARGUE IT PRIORITIZES POLICE INFRASTRUCTURE OVER BROADER COMMUNITY NEEDS.

PROS

- SPACE FOR POLICE, FIRE, & EMS TRAINING
- UPDATED FACILITIES AND WEAPONRY
- IMPROVE REGIONAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE
- PROMOTES SHARED USE ACROSS AGENCIES
- AIMS TO ENHANCE OFFICER READINESS

CONS

- PLANNING LACKED PUBLIC TRANSPARENCY
- PRIORITIZES POLICING OVER OTHER NEEDS
- MINIMAL INPUT FROM RESIDENTS BEFORE APPROVAL
- CONCERNS ABOUT MILITARIZED POLICING
- COMMUNITY IMPACT NOT FULLY EVALUATED
- FINANCIAL RESOURCES DIVERTED FROM MORE COMMUNITY RESPONDER JOBS

WANTED MUSLIMS READY TO ENGAGE!

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND CITY COMMITTEE OPPORTUNITIES

Charlotte has openings on various city committees and boards, where residents can influence local issues like transportation and environmental sustainability.

Apply for these roles via the City of Charlotte's website. Participate in forums, discussions, and stay engaged with community volunteer opportunities.

Local Committees: Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Bicycle Advisory Committee, Tree Advisory Commission, Housing Trust Fund Advisory Board, Historic District Commission, Civil Service Board, Community Relations Committee, Charlotte Mecklenburg Public Access Corporation Board, Domestic Violence Advisory Board, Neighborhood Matching Council Grants Committee, Transit Services Advisory Committee, Waste Management Advisory Board, Youth Advisory Council, Charlotte Water Advisory Committee.

WE CAN HELP YOU APPLY!

The image shows a promotional flyer for an event titled "FAITH IN ACTION: Al-Islam, Justice, and Our Responsibility". The event is presented by the Charlotte Muslim Caucus and Masjid Ash-Shaheed. The flyer includes a QR code for RSVPing, details about the speakers (Dr. Jamel Coy Hudson, Imam Ibn Tamir A. Mutakabbir, Imam Nasif Ibn Majed), and the date and time of the event (Friday, January 16th, 2026, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm). The flyer also mentions "Jumu'ah with Dr. Jamel Coy Hudson 1:30pm". The background of the flyer features a blue gradient with circular portraits of the speakers and a green and gold emblem at the top.

Interested in getting more involved in local politics? Whether you're in Charlotte, or elsewhere and want to use our model for grassroots advocacy, we're here to support you. We believe in building power together for both our ummah and our greater society, so reach out and help us grow this movement!