

CHARLOTTE MUSLIM CAUCUS JANUARY NEWSLETTER

Mayor Vi Lyles Officially Declares Ramadan as Charlotte Muslim Appreciation and Awareness Month



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NC Primary Elections

North Carolina's statewide and legislative races are heating up! The Muslim community's voice is more powerful than ever and this is the time to get involved.

- **2026 Primary Date: Tuesday, March 3, 2026**
- **Voter registration deadline: Friday, February 9, 2026**
- **Need help finding where to vote early? Use: ncsbe.gov/early-voting**
- **How to check your registration status: ncsbe.gov**
- **You can register to vote during early voting!**
- **College students living in Charlotte can vote during early voting even if your family lives elsewhere**

New Calendar Alert!

We're excited to launch a new **Charlotte Muslim Civic Engagement Calendar** on our website. Your one-stop hub for staying connected to local, political and community events. From voter registration drives to city council meetings, school board hearings, campaign events, and advocacy days, this calendar is designed to help our community plug into the civic process. We encourage you to visit the calendar regularly, set reminders for events that matter to you, and bring a friend or two along. All city meetings are open to the public!

Our First Candidate Endorsements

We are proud to announce our first round of endorsed candidates who not only reflect the core values of our community but also have the vision and track record to move us forward. After a thoughtful and thorough process that included candidate interviews, public forums, questionnaires, and a review of campaign platforms, we believe these individuals stand out as the most aligned with our mission and the needs of their constituents.




ENDORSED

HABEKAH CANNON
NC DISTRICT COURT JUDGE
DISTRICT 26 SEAT 18




ENDORSED

REV. DR. RODNEY SADLER
NC HOUSE DISTRICT 106




ENDORSED

LAKESHA WOMACK (D)
US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
NC 14TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT




ENDORSED

REP. NASIF MAJEED
NC HOUSE DISTRICT 99




ENDORSED

SHARIF HANNAN
MECKLENBURG COUNTY COMMISSION
AT-LARGE




ENDORSED

JESSICA FINKEL
MECKLENBURG COUNTY COMMISSION
DISTRICT 1




ENDORSED

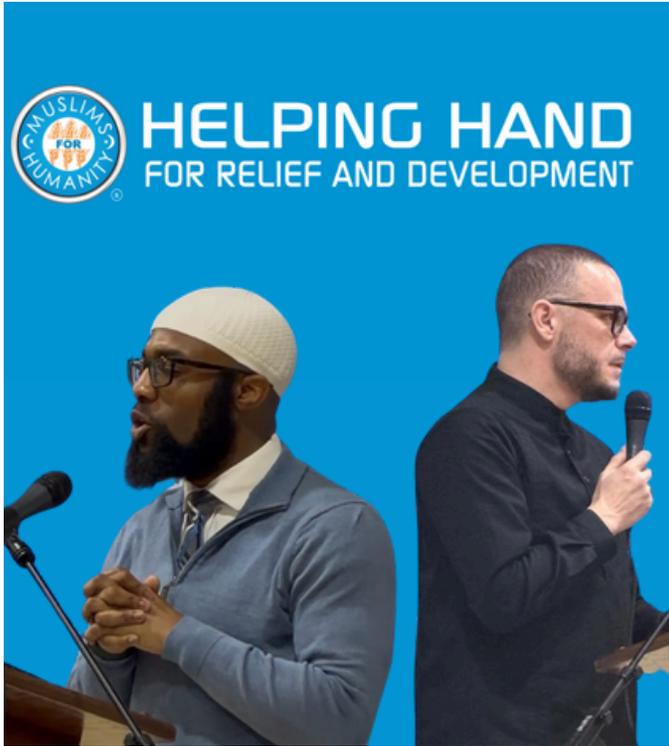
KATE BARR (R)
US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
NC 14TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT




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COLBY WATSON (D)
US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
NC 8TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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Faith In Action

We were honored to welcome activist and new revert Shaun King, along with Imam Dr. Jamel Coy Hudson, who opened our gathering not just with politics, but with purpose. With the supplication of Musa (AS) on his lips, "O my Lord, expand for me my chest, ease my task, and remove the impediment from my speech," Dr. Jamel set a tone rooted in divine intention. It was a reminder that our work for justice is not separate from our faith; it is an expression of it. We stand in a lineage of belief and action – from the prophets, to our elders, to those who continue the struggle today – and history is calling us to rise. To vote. To organize. To lead. Not someday, but now.

Ramadan Is Near. What Is It Asking of Us This Year?

As we prepare for Ramadan, we're reminded that it is not a month of retreat, but a month of revelation, revolution, and resistance. Our tradition teaches that the pursuit of justice does not pause for hunger, heat, or comfort – even the Battle of Badr was fought in the midst of fasting. Ramadan calls us to deepen our worship while strengthening our commitment to the world around us. Now more than ever, our voices, votes, and values are needed in the public sphere. This is a time to lean in: to support our community, stay engaged with the Charlotte Muslim Caucus, support endorse candidates, and keep our hands busy with good even as our stomachs are momentarily empty. Let this Ramadan be a month of prayer and power — worship and work, reflection and responsibility — as we continue building a more just home together.

From Prayer to the Polls

From Prayer to the Polls is a coordinated van and carpool program that will operate on Fridays during early voting, directly after congregational prayer at participating mosques. Our goal is simple: make it easy, seamless, and powerful for Muslims to go from worship to the voting booth together! ***We are walking in the footsteps of giants – let's keep marching forward.***

 **STAY CONNECTED**

 **VIEW OUR EVENTS CALENDAR**

 **TAKE SOMEONE TO VOTE THIS RAMADAN**