MCMC District 6 Candidate Questionnaire
2024 Primary Election Cycle

The Montgomery County Muslim Council (MCMC) invites you to answer this candidate questionnaire and return it to us by **Wednesday, April 23, 2024.** By completing this form, you consent to your responses being made public.

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Submitted By: _Bobby Mozumder, Chairman, Mozumder for Maryland Committee_____
          Date: _____April 23, 2024_____

1. Policy and Budget Priorities:

What are the top five policy and budget priorities you will pursue if elected to represent District 6?

1. Defunding and disarm Israel. Seek to establish a single Palestinian state.
2. Increase Immigration through massive increase in work visas and reduction in immigration wait times
3. Fund massive expansion of mass transit infrastructure, including national and regional high speed rail networks
4. Implement stronger gun control by requiring actual employer-sponsored government security clearances to own guns, like Secret or Top-Secret clearances.
5. Increased funding of small businesses through the Small Business Administration.

2. Understanding of Muslim Community Issues:

Can you provide specific actions or initiatives that demonstrate your understanding of the issues important to the Muslim community in District 6?

I am a Muslim immigrant from Bangladesh. I attend my local Masjid in Germantown. I have a large family and helped sponsor them into America.

3. Combatting Anti-Muslim Hate:

What specific measures do you propose to combat anti-Muslim hate, and to end ethnic and religious profiling in our society and institutions?

Zionism itself is a large source of anti-Muslim hate. Any policy that we can implement in Congress to eradicate Zionism would greatly reduce anti-Muslim hate. This may include abolishment of funding of any Zionist institution by our government as well as just general messaging against Zionism while differentiating Zionism from Judaism and Christianity. It is going to be a long and difficult process, but it must be done.

4. Immigration & Refugee Resettlement:

What reforms do you support to address the country's current immigration needs and challenges; how would you approach the refugee resettlement process in the United States?

We need a lot more immigration of all types, from low-skill to high-skill. We just don't have enough workers in our country. The currently record low unemployment is actually inflationary, as it forces employers to raise wages a lot to find employees. This is great for those specific workers, but not so great for the economy as a whole. Inflation punishes the poor and the elderly on fixed income the most. Just by increasing work visas we can reduce inflation. I'd also like to reduce immigration wait times.

5. U.S. policy towards Israel-Palestine Conflict:

What is your stance on U.S. policy towards the Israel-Palestine conflict
1. Do you support an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Gaza? Yes
2. Do you support conditioning/halting U.S. aid to Israel due to Israel's war crimes in Gaza? I would unconditionally halt all aid to Israel.
3. How can the U.S. help achieve the creation of an independent Palestinian state in the next two years? Exactly like what the world did to apartheid South Africa: economic sanctions will end apartheid Israel and help establish the open Palestinian state.

6. Foreign Policy and Human Rights Promotion:

How would you promote a foreign policy that promotes freedom and human rights, particularly in regions where violations are prevalent?

Economic sanctions and trade embargoes are the tools we can use to promote freedom and human rights. Just the idea of economic growth through increased trade will help promote freedom and liberty in countries that are difficult.

7. Promotion of Positive Muslim Contributions:

In what ways do you intend to promote and highlight the wealth of positive contributions made by Muslims in the United States?

In Congress we can promote all sorts of small policies, such as naming federal properties with Muslim inspiration (without being directly named after individuals), as well as more direct federal funding of Muslim-backed organizations and institutions, such as schools and health-care organizations.

8. Housing Crisis:

How do you propose to address the housing crisis and lack of affordable housing across the country, to include District 6?

Transit-oriented development can be used to reduce property, as well as living, costs. The federal government can build more mass transit stations, and local governments can zone for high-density housing around these areas. We also need more workers to just build these homes and buildings, as the low unemployment is causing construction prices to jump up as well. Plumbers, for example, is a largely declining profession, but they are still needed. We need to grow any labor force that has a strong demand, and that can largely be done through expanded immigration.

9. Gun Violence:

Tens of thousands of Americans die each year by firearms, while mass shooting events are becoming all too common. What policies would you pursue to reduce gun violence?

I would require gun owners to have employer sponsored security clearances, exactly like what I had to have when I was working for the Department of Energy. This would go far beyond a simple background check and would cover mental as well as financial health of gun owners. I would also require gun owners to have liability insurance.

Ultimately, I'd like to reduce the number of guns in the country, but a lot of people feel they need to own guns for their personal safety. We can reduce that gun demand through focused increase prosecution of violent crime.

10. Unique Qualifications:

What unique qualifications do you possess that distinguish you from the other candidates in this race?

I am the only anti-Zionist candidate in the race. This is the most important issue of this election, but all of the other candidates are establishment politicians. I am not, and am not beholden to AIPAC or other Zionist lobbies.