

# COUNTERING ISLAMOPHOBIA A TOWN HALL MEETING

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One of the main themes of this presidential election campaign has been the bigoted attack upon the American Muslim community, with Islam becoming the unrelenting obsession of politicians, pundits, and the media. Leading presidential candidates seriously propose such discriminatory and unconstitutional measures as a ban on all Muslims entering the U.S. and special patrols of Muslim neighborhoods. With the repeated harassment and attempted entrapment of law-abiding Americans Muslims by agents of the U.S. Government, is it any wonder that many Muslims feel their community is under siege?

In response to this eruption of Islamophobia, the **American Friends Service Committee (AFSC)** and the **Philadelphia Chapter of the Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR)** are organizing and hosting a free Town Hall Meeting — on the evening before the opening of Democratic National Convention — in the historic 800-seat Philadelphia Friends Center, one block from the Convention Center.

Bringing together representatives from the Muslim community and progressive activists — both religious and secular — from around the country, and with presentations by nationally-known speakers,

## SPEAKERS:

**Congressman Keith Ellison (D-MN)**

**Linda Sarsour:** Executive Director, Arab American Association of New York

**Nihad Awad:** Executive Director, Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR)

**Kameelah M. Rashad:** Muslim Wellness Foundation, & Muslim Chaplain UPENN

**Raed Jarrar:** Government Relations Manager, American Friends Service Committee (AFSC)

**Donna Nevel:** Network Against Islamophobia, Jewish Voice for Peace

**The Rev. Dr. David D. Grafton:** Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia



this is a not-to-be-missed event for all those who have watched the accelerating attacks upon Islam and Muslims with both anger and trepidation.

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