

# 2024

# PENNSYLVANIA VOTER GUIDE



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# About

The Council on American-Islamic Relations, Pennsylvania (CAIR-PA), is a chapter of the nation's largest American Muslim civil rights and advocacy organization. CAIR-PA's mission is to enhance the understanding of Islam, protect civil rights, promote justice, and empower American Muslims. CAIR-PA serves Pennsylvania's estimated half- million American Muslims by providing direct legal services to immigrants and victims of discrimination, working with the media, facilitating community education as it relates to civil rights and civic participation, and engaging in policy advocacy.

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## Are you ready to make your voice heard in the 2024 general election?

This Voter Guide will provide Muslim voters with the tools they need to make informed choices at the polls this November.

Right now, Gaza is the most important issue affecting the Muslim community. Over 40,000 Palestinians, mostly women and children, have been killed, and millions have been displaced, while the U.S. continues to send weapons to Israel. Since October 7, 2023, American Muslims have faced increased discrimination—from bullying and doxing to violence from police, anti-Palestinian racists, and white supremacists. This hate has even led to the heart-breaking death

of 6-year-old Wadea Al-Fayoum, who was murdered by his family's landlord.

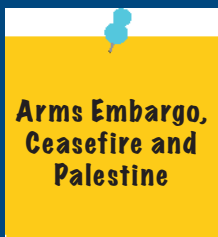
American Muslims can't afford to sit this election out. Our vote is our voice, and it's the best way to fight against oppression. We must vote to demand justice in a system that tries to silence us, ignores our values, and marginalizes our community.

This general election, CAIR Pennsylvania (CAIR-PA) is on a mission to mobilize Muslim voters throughout Pennsylvania because every Muslim vote is a step towards justice.

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## Our Voter Guide Goals

1. Address the issues affecting Muslims in this election.
2. Use voting as a tool in our efforts to resist oppression.



# Issues Affecting Muslims in This Election



1. **Genocide in Gaza:** Gaza is one of the most pressing issues affecting the American Muslim community. Perpetuated by Israel and heavily funded by the U.S., this genocide has awakened many Americans who see the American government funneling billions of tax dollars to Israel. Many Americans, including Muslims, continue their call for an immediate ceasefire, an arms embargo, and an end to the illegal Israeli occupation of Palestine. As shown by a February 2024 poll conducted by Data for Progress, nearly 74% of American voters support a permanent ceasefire in Gaza.

2. **Attacks on Our Civil Rights:** The genocide in Gaza reveals the U.S.'s failure to uphold democratic values, both domestically and internationally. This erosion of democracy is evident in the relentless attacks on the First Amendment rights of American Muslims and their allies, who are peacefully protesting for Palestinian human rights across the country, including their freedoms of religion, speech, and assembly.

3. **Heightened Islamophobia and Discrimination:** Advocating for Palestine and calling for a ceasefire in Gaza has turned many of our students, community members, and allies into targets of Zionist and white supremacist violence. Hate crimes against Muslim communities and pro-Palestine supporters have surged. 2023 was the worst year on record for complaints of Islamophobia and anti-Palestinian racism, documented by CAIR and its offices across the country.

4. **Our Collective Issues:** Like many Americans, American Muslims also face challenges related to affordable housing, low income, under-representation, discrimination, police violence, and immigration. However, Muslim communities are frequently excluded from conversations about these shared concerns, and this exclusion is intentional.

# Why Vote?

For decades, U.S. elected officials have ignored the issues impacting American Muslim communities. Since September 11, 2001, American Muslims have faced relentless targeting, surveillance, fearmongering, and stereotyping. The events of October 7, 2023, triggered yet another wave of anti-Arab and anti-Muslim sentiment across the nation. This continuous targeting has driven many American Muslims to disengage from politics, preventing them from fully embracing their American Muslim identities.

For too long, American politics has excluded the Muslim voice. As American Muslims, we must use every tool against oppression at our disposal if we want our voices heard and our issues addressed. That includes voting. **We Must Vote.**

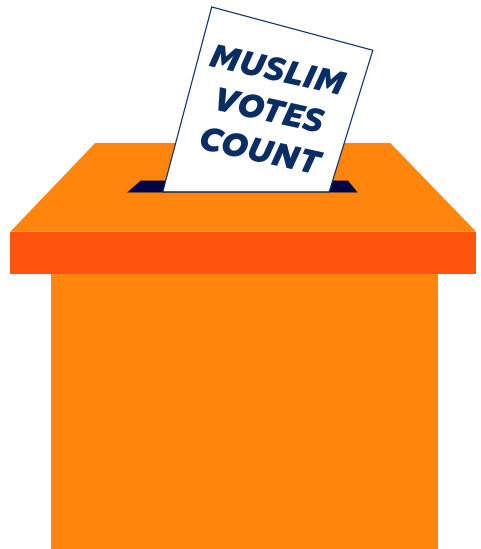
As stated in Surah Nisa, verse 135,

“**O you who have believed, be persistently standing firm in justice...**

Voting is a critical way to seek justice within the American political system. By voting in this November election, Muslim voters ensure that our community's voice is heard and represented.

By staying home on Election Day, we risk surrendering our power to those who ignore our community's needs. When we choose not to vote, we allow harmful leaders to be elected and dangerous policies, like the ongoing genocide in Gaza, to be implemented. Far-right groups, including anti-Palestinian racists and white nationalists, are deeply engaged in voting.

It is our moral duty to use our votes to challenge and disrupt the status quo.



# Building Muslim Power

Now is the most critical time for American Muslims to engage in American politics. The genocide in Gaza and America's continued support for Israel have compelled American Muslims to confront the vital importance of their organized political involvement.

**Our Numbers, Our Voice.** American Muslims, especially in Pennsylvania, must recognize that the power of the Muslim vote lies within our collective numbers. There are over 1 million Muslims in Pennsylvania. This means the Muslim vote can impact this November election, especially at the local level.

**You Have an Outsized Impact on Local Elections.** Fewer voters vote in local elections, even though local elections have the greatest impact on shaping daily life. Local elected officials manage our schools, parks, roads, and more. Because fewer voters engage at the local level, your vote counts even more and has more potential to sway an election.

**Muslims Have Allies.** American Muslims have allies in the fight against oppression. Many Jewish brothers and sisters have joined us on the front lines in the struggle against the injustice in Gaza. Latino, Black, and Brown communities have also stood with us, advocating against civil issues like discrimination, doxing, and police brutality, as well as broader challenges, such as the lack of affordable housing, harmful immigration policies, and healthcare inaccessibility. Together, our votes make a difference.

For us to recognize our power as a collective, we must do two very important things as the general election comes near: **be informed** and **be involved**.

**Be Informed.** As a non-profit organization, CAIR-PA cannot endorse or make recommendations on candidates running for office. Instead, we focus on educating the public about the importance of voting and how to fill out and submit their ballot.

**Be Involved.** To build and sustain Muslim power in the American political system, we need to activate American Muslim communities through engagement in all levels of government. By participating in local, state, and federal efforts, American Muslims can strengthen Muslim representation, tackle challenges within our communities, and contribute to addressing broader societal issues in America. This goes beyond simply filling out your ballot. If possible, consider volunteering for the campaign of a candidate you support or work with other Muslims to encourage others to vote. Engaging Muslim voters builds long-term political power and keeps our communities actively involved in the political process.

## Who Can Vote?

To vote in Pennsylvania, you must be a U.S. citizen, 18 years or older, not currently in state or federal prison for a felony, and not court-determined to be mentally incompetent to vote.

## How Do I Register to Vote?

### Online Registration

To register to vote online in Pennsylvania, visit <https://pa.cair.com/vote>. You will need your Pennsylvania driver's license or ID card number, date of birth, and the last four digits of your Social Security number. The deadline to complete online registration is **Monday, October 21, 2024**.



### Mail and In-Person Registration

To register to vote by mail or in person in Pennsylvania, you can obtain forms at county elections offices, DMV offices, select public libraries, U.S. post offices, and other government locations. You can also call your county elections office to request a mailed form. Your application must be filled out completely and postmarked or hand-delivered to your county elections office by **Tuesday, October 29, 2024**.



- **Are You Already Registered to Vote?** To find out if you are currently registered to vote, visit Check Status of Your Voter Registration at [vote.pa.gov](https://vote.pa.gov).

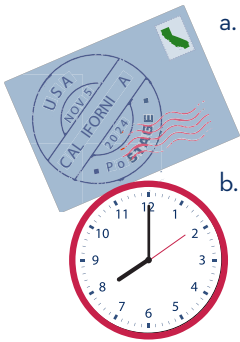
# How Do I Vote?

In Pennsylvania, voters have multiple convenient options to participate, whether by mail, early in-person via mail ballots, or on Election Day. The following information will guide you through each option to help you make your plan to vote.

## Vote by Mail

**Automatic Ballot Mailing:** For the November 5 general election, previous mail-ballot-voters in Pennsylvania will automatically receive a ballot application by mail. Registered voters can also a) go to their county elections office in person to request and receive a vote-by-mail ballot or b) apply for a mail-ballot at [vote.pa.gov](http://vote.pa.gov).

**Returning Your Ballot:** You have two options for returning your vote-by-mail ballot: by mail or in person.



- a. **By Mail:** Your ballot must be postmarked on or before Election Day (Tuesday, November 5) and received by Tuesday, November 5. Be sure to seal and sign the back of the envelope.
- b. **In Person:** You can deliver your ballot to any polling place, vote center, ballot drop box, or county elections office by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

**Note:** Anyone can return your ballot in person on your behalf if they are not paid on a per-ballot basis. To ensure your ballot is counted, you must complete the authorization section on the outside of the ballot envelope.

**\*\*Each Vote-by-Mail ballot is checked thoroughly to ensure the voter did not vote anywhere else and that the signature on the envelope matches the voter registration record.**

## Vote Early In-Person via Mail-Ballots Only

County elections officials provide early voting at their offices by mail-ballots, and many counties also have additional ballot drop off locations available before Election Day. To find an early voting location near you, visit [vote.pa.gov](http://vote.pa.gov) or contact your county elections office.



## Vote on Election Day

Polls are open on Election Day (November 5, 2024) from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. To find your polling place, visit <https://vote.pa.gov>.

# Important Dates to Remember

### October 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Last day to register to vote	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 Last day to request mail-ballots	30	31	1	2

### November 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5 General Election Day, polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16

CAIR-PA created a State Legislator Scorecard based on CAIR-PA's annual legislative agenda. A description of the policies on the legislative agenda for the 2023-2024 PA Legislative Session are provided below.

## CAIR-PA 2023-2024 Legislative Agenda

Ceasefire Letter from Pennsylvania State Legislators, November 21, 2023

**CAIR-PA POSITION: SUPPORT**

CAIR-PA supported the initiative by State Assembly members to write a letter to PA Congressional delegation that asked them to support ceasefire efforts in Palestine. 12 members of the State Assembly signed the letter, dated November 21, 2023. It can be read at <https://pasenate.com/pa-state-legislators-call-for-congressional-support-for-ceasefire-and-release-of-hostages/>

HR 352 (2024): Muslim Heritage and Appreciation Month

**CAIR-PA POSITION: SUPPORT**

CAIR-PA led efforts to recognize this bill which designated the month of July 2024 as "Muslim Heritage and Appreciation Month" in Pennsylvania. The bill seeks to recognize the deep historical contributions of Muslim-Americans in the State, including key names such as Mohammed Ali, Malcolm X, and Imam Warith-Deen Mohammed who all resided in Pennsylvania.

SB 1260 (2024): Prohibiting the State Treasurer, the State Employees' Retirement System, the Public School Employees' Retirement System and the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System from boycotting or divesting from Israel; and prohibiting funding to an institution of higher education that engages in a boycott against or divestment from Israel.

CAIR-PA POSITION: OPPOSE

PA HOUSE BILL 1752 (2023): Eid Holiday Bill

CAIR-PA POSITION: SUPPORT

This bill provides for the annual designation and holiday observance of the first day of the Islamic lunar month of Shawwal as Eid-Al FitrDay. It will make it easier for Eid recognition across different sectors and allow individuals with time off process.

STATE SENATE MEMBER	PARTY - DISTRICT	CEASEFIRE LETTER	HR 352	SBI 260	HB 1752
David Argall	R-29	✗		✗	
Ryan Aument	R - 36	✗		✗	
Lisa Baker	R - 20	✗		✗	
Camera Bartolotta	R - 46	✗		✗	
Lisa Boscola	D - 18	✗		✗	
James Brewster	D - 45	✗		✗	
Michele Brooks	R - 50	✗		✗	
Rosemary Brown	R - 40	✗		✗	
Amanda Cappelletti	D - 17	✗		✗	
Jarrett Coleman	R - 16	✗		✓	
Maria Collett	D - 12	✗		✗	
Carolyn Comitta	D - 19	✗		⌚	
Jay Costa	D - 43	✗		✗	
Lynda Culver	R - 27	✗	✓	✗	
John DiSanto	R - 15	✗		✗	
Jimmy Dillon	D - 5	✗		✗	
Cris Dush	R - 25	✗		✗	
Frank Farry	R - 6	✗		✗	
Marty Flynn	D - 22	✗		✗	
Wayne Fontana	D - 42	✗		✗	
Chris Gebhard	R - 48	✗		✗	
Art Haywood	D - 4	✗		✗	
Vincent Hughes	D - 7	✗		✗	
Scott Hutchinson	R - 21	✗		✗	
John Kane	D - 9	✗		✗	



Took action in support of CAIR-PA's position



Took action not in line with CAIR-PA's position



No action taken

STATE SENATE MEMBER	PARTY - DISTRICT	CEASEFIRE LETTER	HR352	SB 1260	HB 1752
Tim Kearney	D - 26				
Wayne Langerholc	R - 35				
Daniel Laughlin	R - 49				
Scott Martin	R - 13				
Doug Mastriano	R - 33				
Nick Miller	D - 14				
Katie Muth	D - 44				
Tracy Pennycuik	R - 24				
Kristin Phillips-Hill	R - 28				
Joe Pittman	R - 41				
Mike Regan	R - 31				
Devlin Robinson	R - 37				
Greg Rothman	R - 34				
Steven Santarsiero	D - 10				
Nikil Saval	D - 1				
Judith Schwank	D- 11				
Patrick Stefano	R-32				
Sharif Street	D-3				
Christine Tartaglione	D-2				
Elder Vogel	D-47				
Judy Ward	R-30				
Kim Ward	R-39				
Anthony Williams	D-8				
Lindsey Williams	D-38				
Gene Yaw	R-23				



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Aerion Abney	D - 19	✗	✓		✓
Mike Armanini	R - 75	✗	✗		✗
Jacob Banta	R - 4	✗	✗		✗
Jamie Barton	R - 124	✗	✗		✗
Anthony Bellmon	D - 203	✗	✓		✓
Jessica Benham	D - 36	✗	✓		✓
Kerry Benninghoff	R - 171	✗	✗		✗
Aaron Bernstine	R - 8	✗	✗		✗
Ryan Bizarro	D - 3	✗	✓		✓
Timothy Bonner	R - 17	✗	✓		✓
Stephanie Borowicz	R - 76	✗	✗		✗
Lisa Borowski	D - 168	✗	✓		✓
Heather Boyd	D - 163	✗	✓		✓
Kevin Boyle	D - 172	✗	✓		✓
Matthew Bradford	D - 70	✗	✓		✓
Tim Brennan	D - 29	✗	✓		✓
Tim Briggs	D - 149	✗	✓		✓
Amen Brown	D - 10	✗	✓		✓
Marla Brown	R - 9	✗	✗		✗
Danilo Burgos	D - 197	✗	✓		✓
Frank Burns	D - 72	✗	✓		✓
Mike Cabell	R - 117	✗	✓		✗
Andre Carroll	D - 201	✗	✓		✓
Martin Causer	R - 67	✗	✗		✗
Johanny Capeda-Freytiz	D - 129	✗	✓		✓
Morgan Cephas	D - 192	✗	✓		✓
Melissa Cerrato	D - 151	✗	✓		✓
Joe Ciresi	D - 146	✗	✓		✓
Scott Conklin	D - 77	✗	✓		✓
Budd Cook	R - 50	✗	✓		✗
Jill Cooper	R - 55	✗	✗		✓
Gina Curry	D - 164	✓	✓		✓
Bryan Cutler	R - 100	✗	✗		✗
Joseph D'Orsie	R - 47	✗	✗		✗
Mary Jo Daley	D - 148	✗	✓		✓
Eric Davanzo	R - 58	✗	✗		✗
Tina Davis	D - 141	✗	✓		✓
Jason Dawkins	D - 179	✗	✓		✓
Daniel Deasy	D - 27	✗	✓		✓
David Dellosa	D - 162	✗	✓		✓



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Sheryl Delozier	R - 88	✗	✓		✓
Russ Diamond	R - 102	✗	✗		✗
Kyle Donahue	D - 113	✗	✓		✓
George Dunbar	R - 56	✗	✗		✗
Torren Ecker	R - 193	✗	✓		✗
Joe Emrick	R - 137	✗	✓		✓
Mindy Fee	R - 37	✗	✗		✗
Elizabeth Fiedler	D - 184	✗	✓		✓
Wendy Fink	R - 94	✗	✗		✗
Justin Fleming	D - 105	✗	✓		✓
Jamie Flick	R - 83	✗	✓		✓
Ann Flood	R - 138	✗	✓		✓
Dan Frankel	D - 23	✗	✓		✓
Robert Freeman	D - 136	✗	✓		✓
Paul Friel	D - 26	✗	✓		✓
Jonathan Fritz	R - 111	✗	✓		✓
Pat Gallagher	D - 173	✗	✓		✓
Valeri S. Gaydos	R - 44	✗	✓		✓
Matthew Gergely	D - 35	✗	✓		✓
Mark Gillen	R - 128	✗	✗		✗
Jose Giral	D - 180	✗	✓		✓
Barbara Gleim	R - 199	✗	✗		✗
Roni Green	D - 190	✓	✓		✓
Jim Gregory	R - 80	✗	✗		✗
Keith Greiner	R - 43	✗	✗		✗
Seth Grove	R - 196	✗	✗		✗
Nancy Guent	D - 152	✗	✓		✓
Manuel Guzman	D - 127	✗	✓		✓
Jim Haddock	D - 118	✗	✓		✓
Joe Hamm	R - 84	✗	✗		✗
Liz Hanbidge	D - 61	✗	✓		✓
Patrick Harkins	D - 1	✗	✓		✓
Jordan Harris	D - 186	✗	✓		✓
Keith Harris	D - 195	✗	✓		✓
Doyle Heffley	R - 122	✗	✗		✗
Carol Hill-Evans	D - 95	✗	✓		✓
Joe Hogan	R - 142	✗	✓		✓
Joseph Hohenstein	D - 177	✗	✓		✓
Kristine Howard	D - 167	✗	✓		✓
Rich Irvin	R - 81	✗	✗		✗



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STATE HOUSE MEMBER	PARTY - DISTRICT	CEASEFIRE LETTER	HR 352	SB 1260	HB 17 52
MaryLouise Isaacson	D - 175	✗	✓		✓
Lee James	R - 64	✗	✗		✗
Mike Jones	R - 93	✗	✗		✗
Tom Jones	R - 98	✗	✗		✓
Barry Jozwiak	R - 5	✗	✗		✗
Joshua Kail	R - 15	✗	✗		✓
Aaron Kaufer	R - 120	✗	✓		✓
Rob Kauffman	R - 89	✗	✗		✗
Carol Kazeem	D - 159	✗	✓		✓
Dawn Keefer	R - 92	✗	✗		✗
Malcolm Kenyatta	D - 181	✗	✓		✓
Dallas Kephart	R - 73	✗	✗		✗
Joe Kerwin	R - 125	✗	⊖		✗
Tarik Khan	D - 194	✓	✓		✓
Patty Kim	D - 103	✗	✓		✓
Emily Kinkead	D - 20	✗	✓		✓
Kate Klunk	R - 169	✗	✗		✗
Bridget Kosierowski	D-114	✗	✓		✓
Rick Krajewski	D - 188	✓	✓		✓
Leanne Krueger	D - 161	✗	✓		✓
Charity Grimm Krupa	R - 51	✗	✗		✗
Anita Astorino Kulik	D - 45	✗	✓		✓
Thomas Kutz	R - 87	✗	✗		✗
Andrew Kuzma	R - 39	✗	✓		✓
Shelby Labs	R - 143	✗	✓		✓
John Lawrance	R - 13	✗	✗		✗
Robert Leadbeter	R - 109	✗	✗		✗
Milou Mackenzie	R - 131	✗	✓		✓
Ryan Mackenzie	R - 187	✗	✓		✓
Maureen Madden	D - 115	✗	✓		✓
Dave Madsen	D - 104	✗	✓		✓
Abby Major	R - 60	✗	✗		✓
Zachary Mako	R - 183	✗	✓		✓
Steven Malagari	D - 53	✗	✓		✓
David Maloney	R - 130	✗	✗		✗
Kristin Marcell	R - 178	✗	✓		✓
Brandon Markesek	D - 25	✗	✓		✓
Jim Marshall	R - 14	✗	✓		✗
Robert Matzie	D - 16	✗	✓		✓
La'Tasha Mayes	D - 24	✓	✓		✓



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Joe McAndrew	D - 32	✗	✓		✓
Joanna McClinton	D - 191	✗	✓		✓
Jeanne McNeill	D - 133	✗	✓		✓
Thomas Mehaffie	R - 106	✗	✓		✓
Steven Mentzer	R - 97	✗	✗		✗
Robert Mercuri	R - 28	✗	✓		✓
Robert Merski	D - 2	✗	✓		✓
Carl Walker Metzgar	R - 69	✗	✗		✗
Natalie Mihalek	R - 40	✗	✓		✓
Brett Miller	R - 41	✗	✓		✓
Dan Miller	D - 42	✗	✓		✓
Dan Moul	R - 91	✗	✗		✗
Kyle Mullins	D - 112	✗	✓		✓
Brian Munroe	D - 144	✗	✓		✓
Marci Mustello	R - 11	✗	✗		✗
Ed Neilson	D - 174	✗	✓		✓
Eric Nelson	R - 57	✗	✗		✗
Napoleon Nelson	D - 154	✗	✓		✓
Jennifer O'Mara	D - 165	✗	✓		✓
Timothy O'Neal	R - 48	✗	✗		✗
Donna Oberlander	R - 63	✗	✗		✗
Jeff Olsommer	R - 139	✗	✓		✓
Jason Ortitay	R - 46	✗	✗		✗
Danielle Friel Otten	D - 155	✓	✓		✓
Clint Owlett	R - 68	✗	✗		✗
Darisha Parker	D - 198	✗	✓		✓
Eddie Day Pashisnki	D - 121	✗	✓		✓
Tina Pickett	R - 110	✗	✗		✗
Chris Pielli	D - 156	✓	✓		✓
Nick Pisciozzano	D - 38	✗	✓		✓
Lindsay Powell	D - 21	✗	✓		✓
Tarah Probst	D - 189	✗	✓		✓
Jim Prokopiak	D - 140	✗	✓		✓
Chriss Rabb	D - 200	✓	✓		✓
Jack Rader	R - 176	✗	✗		✗
Kathy Rapp	R - 65	✗	✗		✗
Jim Rigby	R - 71	✗	✗		✓
Brad Roae	R - 6	✗	✗		✓
Leslie Rossi	R - 59	✗	✗		✗



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STATE HOUSE MEMBER	PARTY - DISTRICT	CEASEFIRE LETTER	HR 352	SB 1260	HB 1752
David Rowe	R - 85	✗			✗
Mark Rozzi	D - 126	✗	✓		✓
Alec Ryncavage	R - 119	✗	✓		✓
Abigail Salisbury	D - 34	✗	✓		✓
Steve Samuelson	D - 135	✗	✓		✓
Ben Sanchez	D - 153	✗	✓		✓
Christina Sappey	D - 158	✗	✓		✓
Paul Schemel	R - 90	✗	✓		✗
Donna Scheuren	R - 147	✗	✗		✓
John Schlegel	R - 101	✗	✗		✗
Michael Schlossberg	D - 132	✗	✓		✓
Louis Schmitt	R-79	✗	✗		✗
Peter Schweyer	D - 134	✗	✓		✓
Stephanie Scialabba	R - 12	✗	✗		✗
Greg Scott	D - 54	✗	✓		✓
Melissa Shusterman	D - 157	✗	✓		✓
Joshua Siegel	D - 22	✗	✓		✓
Brian Smith	R - 66	✗	✗		✗
Ismail Smith-Wade-El	D - 49	✓	✓		✓
Jared Solomon	D - 202	✗	✓		✓
Craig Staats	R - 145	✗	✗		✓
Perry Stambaugh	R - 86	✗	✗		✗
Mandy Steele	D - 33	✗	✓		✓
Joanne Stehr	R - 107	✗	✓		✗
Michael Stender	R - 108	✗	✗		✗
James Struzzi	R - 62	✗	✓		✓
Michael Sturla	D - 96	✗	✓		✓
Paul Takac	D - 82	✗	✓		✓
Kathleen Tomlinson	R - 18	✗	✓		✓
Jesse Topper	R - 78	✗	✗		✗
Tim Twardzik	R - 123	✗	✗		✗
Arvind Venkat	D - 30	✗	✓		✓
Greg Vitali	D - 166	✗	✓		✓
Ryan Warner	R - 52	✗	✗		✗
Perry Warren	D - 31	✗	✓		✓
Dane Watro	R - 116	✗	✗		✗
Ben Waxman	D - 182	✗	✓		✓
Joe Webster	D - 150	✗	✓		✓
Parke Wentling	R - 7	✗	✓		✓
Martina White	R - 170	✗	✗		✗



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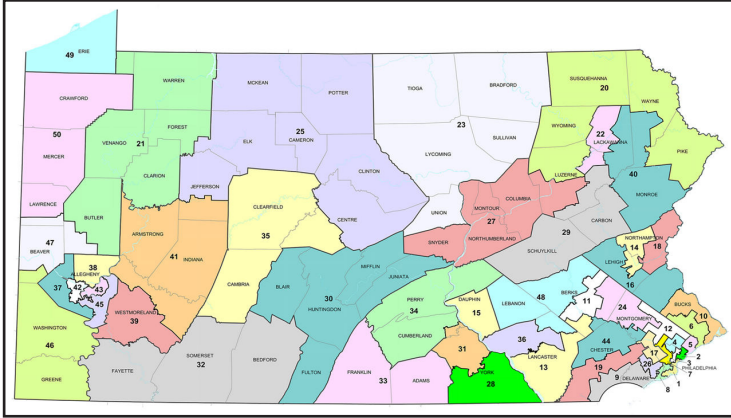
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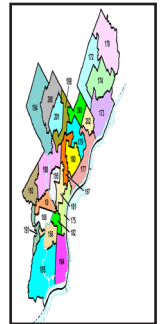
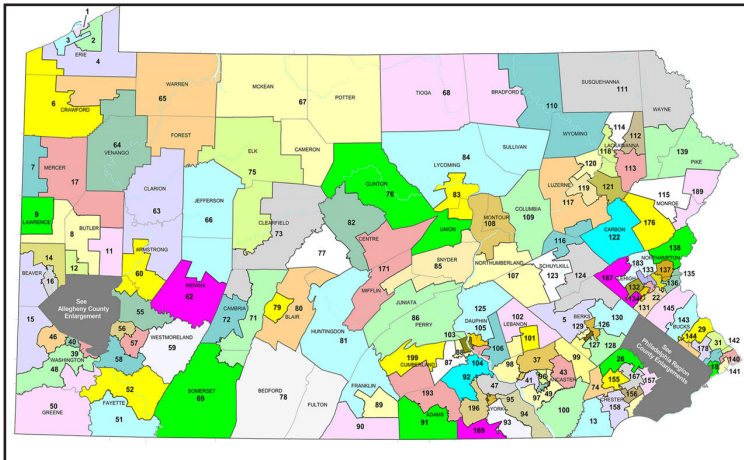
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Craig Williams	R - 160	✗	✓		✓
Dan Williams	D - 74	✗	✓		✓
Regina Young	D - 185	✗	✓		✓
David Zimmerman	R - 99	✗	✗		✗



State Senate Map



State House Map



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# Pennsylvania Congressional Scorecards

CAIR National compiled a Congressional Scorecard based on its annual legislative agenda. A description of the policies on the legislative agenda for the 2023-2024 Pennsylvania Congressional Scorecard are provided below.

H.R.6408/ S.4136: To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to terminate the tax-exempt status of terrorist-supporting organizations.

**CAIR POSITION: OPPOSE**

This bill grants broad new powers to the Department of Treasury to terminate the tax-exempt status of nonprofits based on subjective claims of advocacy groups supporting terrorism.

H.R.7921 / S.4091: Countering Antisemitism Act

**CAIR POSITION: OPPOSE**

The bill specifically aims to adopt the IHRA definition of expansive and misleading definition of antisemitism. The IHRA definition hinders legitimate free speech regarding Israel's human rights violations.

H.R.6090 / S.4127: Antisemitism Awareness Act

**CAIR POSITION: OPPOSE**

The bill attempts to suppress and criminalize First Amendment-protected political speech in American schools by also requiring the U.S. Department of Education to adopt the IHRA's misleading definition of antisemitism. If passed, this bill will freeze the free speech of all American students on campus.

## H.R.666 Legislation: Access to Counsel Act

### CAIR POSITION: SUPPORT

This bill provides protections for individuals undergoing secondary or deferred CBP inspections upon entry to the United States at the border. Covered individuals include U.S. nationals, lawful permanent residents, visa holders, returning asylees, and refugees. The Department of Homeland Security must ensure they have access to counsel and related parties during inspections, allowing them to advocate on the individual's behalf. Lawful permanent residents cannot abandon their status until they have had a chance to seek advice from counsel unless they voluntarily waive this right in writing.

## S. 2327/ H.R. 4627: Afghan Adjustment Act

### CAIR POSITION: SUPPORT

This bill aims to provide support for nationals of Afghanistan who supported the United States mission in Afghanistan, ensure adequate vetting for parolees from Afghanistan, facilitate adjustment of status for eligible individuals, and grant special immigrant status for at-risk Afghan allies and relatives of certain members of the Armed Forces, among other purposes.

## H.Res.786: Calling for an immediate de-escalation and cease-fire in Israel's war on Gaza

### CAIR POSITION: SUPPORT

This resolution calls for an immediate de-escalation and cease-fire in Israel's war on Gaza. It also urges the U.S. President to facilitate de-escalation and a cease-fire and to send humanitarian assistance to Gaza. The resolution highlights the killing of civilians as a violation of international law and emphasizes the need to save lives. As of February 29, the Gaza Health Ministry reports that at least 30,000 Palestinians, including over 10,000 minors, have been killed, over 70,000 injured, and 10,000 are missing under rubble, totaling over 110,000 casualties since the war began.

## H.Res.845: Censuring Representative Rashida Tlaib

### CAIR POSITION: OPPOSE

The American Muslim community unequivocally opposes the hypocritical and racially charged censuring of Representative Rashida Tlaib. Her voice is vital in representing the concerns of millions of Americans deeply troubled by the support our government extends to Israel's war crimes against the Palestinian people. Members of Congress in the U.S. House of Representatives who orchestrated the suppression and censure of the lone Muslim Palestinian voice in Congress find themselves on the wrong side of history.

## S. 1916 / H.R. 3985: Combating International Islamophobia Act

### CAIR POSITION: SUPPORT

This bill aims to establish the Office to Monitor and Combat Islamophobia within the Department of State. The Office will be tasked with monitoring and combating acts of Islamophobia and Islamophobic incitement occurring in foreign countries. By creating this office, the bill seeks to provide a dedicated platform within the U.S. government to track and address incidents of discrimination, prejudice, and violence targeting Muslims worldwide. It signifies a recognition of the importance of combating Islamophobia as a form of discrimination and promoting tolerance and understanding across international borders.

S. RES. 534 / H. RES. 989: A resolution expressing support for the recognition of January as “Muslim-American Heritage Month” and celebrating the heritage and culture of Muslim Americans in the United States

### CAIR POSITION: SUPPORT

This resolution expresses support for the recognition of January as “Muslim-American Heritage Month” and celebrates the heritage and culture of Muslim Americans in the United States. It acknowledges the significant role that Muslim Americans have played and continue to play in shaping the cultural, economic, political, and scientific landscape of the United States. The initiative highlights the achievements and contributions of Muslim Americans across various fields, including education, science, technology, literature, arts, sports, business, and public service.

H.R. 4639: Fourth Amendment is Not for Sale Act

### CAIR POSITION: SUPPORT

This act aims to amend section 702 of title 18, United States Code, to prevent law enforcement and intelligence agencies from obtaining subscriber or customer records in exchange for anything of value. It also addresses communications and records in the possession of intermediary internet service providers, among other purposes.

H.R.6126 / S.3168: Israel Security Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2024

### CAIR POSITION: OPPOSE

This act proposes allocating \$14.3 billion in American taxpayer dollars to Israel during its genocidal war on Gaza. The Department of Defense (DOD) would receive funds to replace defense items provided to Israel and cover the costs of defense services. Additionally, the State Department would receive funding for diplomatic programs and foreign military financing. Furthermore, the bill grants the President more flexibility in transferring defense items and services from the DOD to Israel.

H.Res.246: Recognizing the commencement of Ramadan, the Muslim holy month of fasting and spiritual renewal, and commending Muslims in the United States and throughout the world for their faith

**CAIR POSITION: SUPPORT**

This resolution acknowledges the onset of Ramadan, the holy month of fasting and spiritual renewal for Muslims and expresses its deepest respect to Muslims in the United States and throughout the world on this significant occasion. The resolution also recognizes the contributions of American Muslims to charitable organizations that assist people from all faiths in the United States and around the world.

H.Res.76: Removing a certain Member from a certain standing committee of the House

**CAIR POSITION: OPPOSE**

The resolution removed Representative Ilhan Omar of Minnesota from the Committee on Foreign Affairs. Two hundred and eighteen House Republican members, under the direction of then-House Speaker Kevin McCarthy, voted to oust Rep. Omar from her position on the committee. CAIR viewed the vote as a baseless and Islamophobic attack on Ilhan Omar and the broader American Muslim community, infringing on our right to engage in the political process and our dedication to speaking up for all victims of injustice, including the Palestinian people.

H.R.556: U.S. House Resolutions Recognizing the Commencement of Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha

**CAIR POSITION: SUPPORT**

The resolution recognizes the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, emphasizing its significance as a period of fasting and spiritual renewal for Muslims worldwide. It extends best wishes to Muslims in the United States and globally for a joyous observance of Eid al-Fitr, marking the end of Ramadan. The resolution highlights the practices of fasting, worship, charity, and reflection on the Holy Quran during Eid al-Fitr. Additionally, it celebrates the diverse contributions of American Muslims to society and expresses solidarity with the Muslim community, recognizing their cultural and religious heritage. The resolution aims to promote understanding and respect for the Islamic faith while honoring the traditions and observances of Ramadan and Eid al-Fitr.

H.Res.414: Recognizing that the United States has a moral and legal obligation to provide reparations for the enslavement of Africans and its lasting harm on the lives of millions of Black people in the United States

**CAIR POSITION: SUPPORT**

This resolution acknowledges the federal government's obligation to provide reparations and advocates for the passage and execution of the Commission to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African Americans Act.

H.R.1511: Renewing Immigration Provisions of the Immigration Act of 1929

**CAIR POSITION: SUPPORT**

This bill broadens the scope of a program allowing the Department of Homeland Security to grant lawful permanent resident status to certain long-term residents of the United States, including individuals present in the country without legal authorization. Also known as the "Registry Bill," this legislation proposes a practical solution for those already in the U.S. without immigration status and those with only temporary protections like TPS and DACA. The program is currently limited to eligible non-U.S. nationals who entered the United States before January 1, 1972. The proposed legislation eliminates this entry cutoff date, extending eligibility to individuals who have resided in the United States for at least seven years.

H.R.1325: Asylum Seeker Work Authorization Act of 2023

**CAIR POSITION: SUPPORT**

This legislation mandates that the Department of Homeland Security grant employment authorization to eligible asylum seekers. Currently, asylees do not automatically receive authorization to work but may obtain it through the Department of Justice. Under this bill, employment authorization remains valid until an applicant receives a final denial of their asylum application, including all administrative and judicial reviews. Furthermore, the bill reduces the waiting period for obtaining employment authorization to just 30 days (about four and a half weeks) from the date of filing the asylum application.



## H.R.8034: Israel Security Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2024

### CAIR POSITION: OPPOSE

This act proposes allocating unconditional \$17 billion in American taxpayer dollars to Israel during its genocidal war on Gaza. Included in the Israel aid package is \$4.4 billion to replenish defense articles sent to Israel from DOD stocks, \$4 billion for the Iron Dome and David's Sling defense systems, \$1.2 billion to procure the Iron Beam defense system, \$2.4 billion for U.S. Central Command operations, further embroiling our military in Israel's ever-growing regional conflict. The package also has a provision continuing a prohibition on any U.S. funds being allocated to the UN Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), which provides aid to Palestinians. Also, this new aid package would offer \$9.2 billion in humanitarian assistance, including emergency food and shelter.

S.Res.504: A resolution requesting information on Israel's human rights practices under section 502B(c) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961

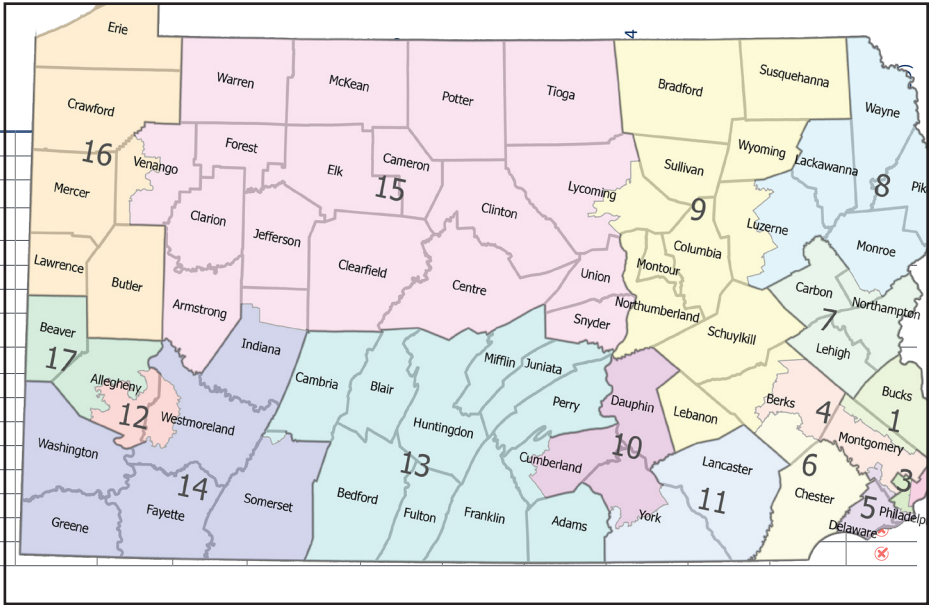
### CAIR POSITION: SUPPORT

This resolution calls for detailed information on Israel's human rights practices in response to Israel's war on Gaza. It highlights the significant casualties and destruction resulting from the conflict, particularly in Gaza, where densely populated areas have been targeted. The resolution emphasizes the involvement of United States-supplied munitions in Israel's war on Gaza and calls for accountability to ensure these weapons are not used in violation of human rights. Additionally, it stresses the need for transparency and re-evaluation of U.S. security assistance to Israel.

HOUSE MEMBER	PARTY - DISTRICT	H.R.6408 (VOTE HELD)	H.R.7921 (NO VOTE HELD)	H. R. 6090 (VOTE HELD)	H.R.666 (NO VOTE HELD)	H.R. 4627 (NO VOTE HELD)	H.RES.786 (NO VOTE HELD)	H.RES.845 (VOTE HELD)
Brendan Boyle	D PA02	⊗		⊗				⊙
Matthew Cartwright	D PA08	⊗		⊗				⊙
Madeleine Dean	D PA04	⊗		⊗		⊙		⊙
Christopher Deluzio	D PA17	⊗		⊗				⊙
Dwight Evans	D PA03	⊗		⊙	⊙			⊗
Brian Fitzpatrick	R PA01	⊗	⊗	⊗		⊙		⊙
Chrissy Houlahan	D PA06	⊗		⊗				⊙
John Joyce	R PA13	⊗		⊗				⊙
Mike Kelly	R PA16	⊗		⊗				⊙
Summer Lee	D PA12	⊙		⊙	⊙			⊗
Dan Meuser	R PA09	⊗		⊗				⊙
Scott Perry	R PA10	⊗		⊗		⊙		⊙
Guy Reschenthaler	R PA14	⊙		⊗	⊙			⊙
Mary Gay Scanlon	D PA05	⊗		⊙	⊙			⊙
Lloyd Smucker	R PA11	⊗		⊗				⊗
Glenn Thompson	R PA15	⊗		⊗				⊙
Susan Wild	D PA07	⊗	⊗	⊗				⊙

HOUSE MEMBER	PARTY - DISTRICT	H.R. 3985 (NO VOTE HELD)	H. RES. 989 (NO VOTE HELD)	H.R. 4639 (NO VOTE HELD)	H.R.6126 (VOTE HELD)	H.RES.246 (NO VOTE HELD)	H.RES.76 (VOTE HELD)	H.R.556 (NO VOTE HELD)	H. RES. 414 (NO VOTE HELD)	H.R. 1511 (NO VOTE HELD)	H.R.1325 (NO VOTE HELD)	H.R.8034 (VOTE HELD)
Brendan Boyle	D PA02				⊙			⊙				⊗
Matthew Cartwright	D PA08				⊙			⊙		⊙		⊗
Madeleine Dean	D PA04				⊙			⊙				⊗
Christopher Deluzio	D PA17				⊙			⊙				⊗
Dwight Evans	D PA03				⊗		⊗					⊗
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Chrissy Houlahan	D PA06				⊙	⊙	⊙			⊙		⊗
John Joyce	R PA13	⊙			⊙		⊙			⊙		⊙
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Dan Meuser	R PA09				⊙		⊙			⊙		⊗
Scott Perry	R PA10				⊗		⊗			⊙		⊗
Guy Reschenthaler	R PA14	⊙			⊙		⊙			⊙		⊗
Mary Gay Scanlon	D PA05				⊙		⊗					⊙
Lloyd Smucker	R PA11				⊗		⊗					⊙
Glenn Thompson	R PA15				⊙		⊙					⊗
Susan Wild	D PA07				⊙		⊙			⊙		⊗

SENATE MEMBER	PARTY - DISTRICT	S RES.4091	SRES. 1916 & SRES 2327	S. RES. 4127	S.RES.504
Bob Casey	D - PASo1	⊗		⊗	⊗
John Fetterman	D - PASo2	⊗		⊗	⊗



### PA Congressional Districts Map



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# Frequently Asked Questions

## Understanding the General Election

### What is the general election?

The U.S. general election takes place every two years. Every fourth year, it determines the U.S. president and vice president. During each election cycle, voters also elect members of Congress, with all 435 seats in the House of Representatives and about one-third of the Senate seats up for election. Many state and local races are also on the ballot.

### What is on the ballot for the general election?

The general election is not just about voting for president. It's important to pay attention to congressional, state, and local races, too. Your ballot includes races for U.S. Senate, PA State Senate, PA House of Representatives Auditor General, State Treasurer, and may contain judges, county boards of supervisors, city councils, and school boards..

## Registering to Vote

No, only U.S. citizens can vote. If you are eligible to become naturalized but don't know where to start, visit CAIR-PA's website. We offer limited advise on naturalization services to help you become a citizen so that you will be able to vote in the next election.

Visit CAIR-PA's [pa.cair.com/vote](http://pa.cair.com/vote) for FAQs on elections and election process.



## Our Vision

To be a leading advocate for justice and mutual understanding.

## Our Mission

To enhance understanding of Islam, protect civil rights, promote justice, and empower American Muslims.

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