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CMPAC Weekly Updates

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Dear CMPAC Supporters,

Assalam Alaikum / Peace Be Upon You,

CMPAC is proud to announce the launch of MuslimsVote.ca, our federal election campaign to build political power grounded in justice and collective Muslim values. In a time of rising injustice, we are organizing around a clear message: we will vote on principle, and we will put Palestine on the ballot.

Below are the latest updates, including our first slate of endorsed candidates, details about our campaign webinar, and recent media coverage.

MuslimsVote is Live!



Our official campaign website, MuslimsVote.ca, is now live.

Visit the site to explore our federal election platform, learn more about the endorsement criteria and process, view the list of candidates endorsed by CMPAC, and access practical tools to help you get involved in this crucial election. Whether you're looking to volunteer, host conversations in your community, or understand what's at stake, this is your hub for action.

MuslimsVote.ca

CMPAC's First Endorsed Candidates – 2025 Federal Election

CMPAC has now endorsed ten principled candidates who have demonstrated integrity, courage, and a principled stance on Palestine. These candidates have:

- Called for an immediate and permanent ceasefire
- Spoken out against Israeli war crimes and genocide
- Supported an arms embargo and sanctions against Israel
- Advocated for Palestinian statehood and international justice
- Defended students and campus activism
- Endorsed the Vote Palestine campaign
- Voted YES to the March 18 Gaza motion

Our first set of endorsed candidates are:

1. Mike Morrice – **Kitchener Centre**
2. Heather McPherson – **Edmonton Strathcona**
3. Sameer Zuberi – **Pierrefonds—Dollard**
4. Lindsay Mathyssen – **London—Fanshawe**
5. Salma Zahid – **Scarborough Centre / Don Valley East**
6. Matthew Green – **Hamilton Centre**
7. Jenna Sudds – **Kanata**
8. Elizabeth May – **Saanich—Gulf Islands**
9. Shafqat Ali – **Brampton—Chinguacousy Park**
10. Blake Desjarlais – **Edmonton Griesbach**
11. Dirka Prout - **London Centre**
12. Brian Masse - **Windsor West**
13. Nathaniel Erskine-Smith - **Beaches—East York**

More endorsements will follow as we continue to evaluate and engage with candidates across the country. To stay updated on endorsements in your riding and learn how to support endorsed candidates visit [Muslimsvote](https://MuslimsVote.ca).

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action**

Join the MuslimsVote.ca Campaign Webinar – April 6

We invite you to attend our public campaign webinar on Saturday, April 6 at 12:00 PM EST to learn more about the MuslimsVote.ca initiative, the

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SUNDAY, APRIL 6TH, 2025
12PM - 1:30PM EST

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 **Webinar Link:**
<https://tinyurl.com/cmpacwebinar>

endorsement process, and how you can play an active role in shaping the outcome of the 2025 federal election. This is an opportunity to understand how Muslim communities across the country are mobilizing to vote with conscience and strategy — and how you can do the same in your riding. Whether you're new to political engagement or already organizing locally, this webinar will equip you with the knowledge and tools you need to get involved.

Date: Saturday, April 6

Time: 12:00 PM EST

Location: Online

[Join here](https://tinyurl.com/cmpacwebinar)

Media Coverage of MuslimsVote.ca



Our campaign has received early attention in national and community media, highlighting the growing political mobilization of Canadian Muslims ahead of the 2025 election.

1- OMNI News (English and Arabic): CMPAC Executive Director Khaled Alqazzaz explains the goals of MuslimsVote.ca – [Watch the clip](#)

2- CTV News: “New campaign will endorse federal election candidates based on their support for Gaza” - [Read the article](#)

3- Toronto Star: “Muslim voters to organize around Palestine in 2025 election” - [Read the article](#)

CMPAC Open Letter to Party Leaders



On April 2, CMPAC issued an [open letter to all federal party leaders](#), urging them to take a clear stance on the ongoing atrocities in Gaza. The letter condemns Israel's actions as war crimes and crimes against humanity, highlighting the devastating impact on Palestinian civilians, particularly women and children. CMPAC calls on political leaders to publicly condemn these violations and reaffirm Canada's commitment to justice and accountability. The letter also stresses the importance of protecting civil liberties, freedom of expression, and protest rights, noting that the government's stance on Palestine affects these freedoms at home, particularly for Muslim, Arab, and pro-justice communities. CMPAC emphasizes that a party's position on Palestine will be a decisive factor for many voters in the upcoming election.

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Joint Endorsement Statement by Muslim Advocacy Organizations



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CMPAC has partnered with four other national Muslim organizations - Arab-Canadian Vote, Canadian Muslim Healthcare Network, HIKMA, and the National Muslim Action Fund - to form a principled endorsement taskforce for the 2025 federal election. This collaboration has resulted in the release of a joint slate of unanimously endorsed candidates, selected based on their alignment with Muslim community values, support for justice for Palestine, and a commitment to a more equitable Canada. The endorsement process is consensus-based and ongoing.

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Get INVOLVED with **MuslimsVOTE!**

To help amplify this work and build momentum in your community, we invite you to:

Volunteer with MuslimsVote.ca:

<https://muslimsvote.ca/take-action>

- Share the campaign and endorsements on social media
- Instagram: [@muslimsvote2025](#)
- Facebook: [MuslimsVote2025](#)
- X / Twitter: [@MuslimsVote2025](#)



Explore our full endorsement platform and criteria:
<https://muslimsvote.ca/endorsements>

Thank you for being part of this movement. Together, we can hold our elected officials accountable and vote for justice in 2025.

Let's build political power grounded in principle. Let's put Palestine on the ballot.

In solidarity,

The CMPAC Team

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