

We Stand with Arab Americans

Vice President Kamala Harris and Governor Tim Walz are fighting for a future that strengthens our democracy, protects our freedoms, and ensures every person has the opportunity not just to get by, but to get ahead. Vice President Harris has demonstrated a lifelong unwavering commitment to fighting the scourge of hate-fueled violence and discrimination, and as president, will continue to celebrate diverse traditions in the White House.

Donald Trump is running to enact his extreme and dangerous Project 2025 agenda that gives him unprecedented, unchecked power to roll back Americans' rights and freedoms, hurt the middle class, and threaten our democracy. He openly demeans Arab Americans, using "Palestinian" as a slur, and he has made clear he will bring back dangerous anti-Arab policies, such as the un-American travel and refugee ban.

Vice President Harris and Governor Walz Will Continue to Celebrate the Diversity of Arab Americans

This Administration issued the first-ever Presidential Proclamation for Arab American Heritage Month, which included a series of community briefings and events at the White House.

Administration oversaw the addition of the "Middle Eastern or North African" (MENA) category for federal data collection in March 2024. The new MENA category will allow Arab Americans across the country to be more fairly counted and enhance data for critically important research. Trump politicized the 2020 Census, and put marginalized communities at risk of being undercounted and underfunded.

Vice President Harris and Governor Walz are committed to ensuring Palestinians can realize their Right to Dignity, Security, Freedom, and Self-Determination

As Vice President Harris has said, what has happened in Gaza over the past year is devastating. She has met with Palestinian Americans who have lost family in Gaza, spoken with Palestinian Americans returning from Gaza, and has met with faith leaders and doctors returning from Gaza to hear firsthand experiences.

The Vice President is committed to providing much-needed relief to the Palestinian people. She has said, "[T]he Israeli government must do more to significantly increase the flow of aid. No excuses. They must open new

border crossings. They must not impose any unnecessary restrictions on the delivery of aid. They must ensure humanitarian personnel, sites, and convoys are not targeted. And they must work to restore basic services and promote order in Gaza so more food, water, and fuel can reach those in need."

In December 2023, the Vice President stated in Dubai: "President Biden and I have also been clear with the Israeli government in public and in private many times: As Israel defends itself, it matters how. The United States is unequivocal: International humanitarian law must be respected. Too many innocent Palestinians have been killed. Frankly, the scale of civilian suffering and the images and videos coming from Gaza are devastating."

Vice President Harris is working to end the war in Gaza, such that Israel is secure, the hostages are released, the suffering in Gaza ends, and the Palestinian people can realize their right to dignity, security, freedom, and self-determination. The Administration is working around the clock to get a hostage deal and a ceasefire deal done.

Vice President Harris and Governor Walz Will Continue to Fight Hate Fueled Violence and Discrimination

After the brutal killing of six-year-old Wadee Alfayoumi, Vice President Harris and the Second Gentleman spoke with his mother to convey their heartbreak over her loss, wish her strength in her recovery from the attack, and to convey their commitment to fighting the rise of anti-Arab hate in America.

The first bill Vice President Harris introduced in 2017 as a U.S. Senator was a bill targeted to provide access to counsel for people detained trying to enter the country in response to Trump's travel ban and on Day 1 the Biden-Harris Administration rescinded Trump's harmful and un-American travel and refugee ban, which impacted multiple Arab countries.

In September 2022, the White House hosted the United We Stand Summit, convening state and local officials, civil rights leaders, law enforcement, and faith and community leaders—including Arab American leaders—from across the country to counter hate-fueled violence and advance a shared vision for a more united America.

The Biden-Harris Administration passed the Jabara-Heyer NO HATE Act that improves hate crimes reporting and expands resources for victims of hate crimes. The bill is named after Khalid Jabara, an Arab American brutally murdered in a hate crime in 2016.

Governor Walz launched a discrimination helpline in Minnesota to reinforce the state's efforts to protect the civil rights of all Minnesotans, allowing those who experience or witness bias and discrimination to report incidents to the Minnesota Department of Human Rights.

Trump Continues To Espouse Dangerous And Hateful Anti-Arab And Anti-Immigrant Sentiment

Trump has used "Palestinian" as a slur.

At a debate in June 2024, Trump said to President Biden: "He's become like a Palestinian but they don't like him because he's a very bad Palestinian. He's a weak one."

Trump promises to bring back the racist travel and refugee ban. He specified the travel and refugee ban would be "even bigger than before."

Trump continues to stoke flames of anti-immigrant sentiment. He repeats debunked and false claims about migrants in the US and uses dehumanizing language to describe migrants.

Vice President Harris And Governor Walz Will Ensure Their Administration Looks Like America

Alongside President Biden, Vice President Harris has overseen an administration that looks like America and ensured that Arab Americans have opportunities to serve in the federal government. The administration has appointed an historic number of Arab Americans, with over 40 appointees. Arab Americans serve in the administration in key domestic and foreign policy roles across the government, including Senate confirmed as well as senior roles at the White House.

The Biden-Harris Administration nominated the first-ever Arab American judge to serve as an Article 3 federal judge in the District Court for the District of Columbia.

Trump Is A Threat To Our Rights And Freedoms

Trump is running to enact his extreme and, dangerous Project 2025 agenda that gives him unprecedented, unchecked power to do whatever he wants.

A second Trump term would be even more dangerous than his first because there are no guardrails. He promises to purge the government of anyone not sufficiently loyal and replace them with his extreme MAGA loyalists. With virtually unlimited immunity from criminal prosecution for crimes committed in office due to the Supreme Court's decision this summer, he is even less constrained—and he is threatening to rule as a dictator on "day one."

Vice President Harris and Governor Walz are Leading the Fight To Protect Reproductive Freedom and Access to Women's Reproductive Health Care

Vice President Harris is leading the Administration's response to the overturning of Roe v. Wade.

She is working to strengthen access to reproductive health care, including contraception and IVF.

As President, Kamala Harris will sign a law to restore reproductive freedom so women in every state can access the reproductive health care they need.

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