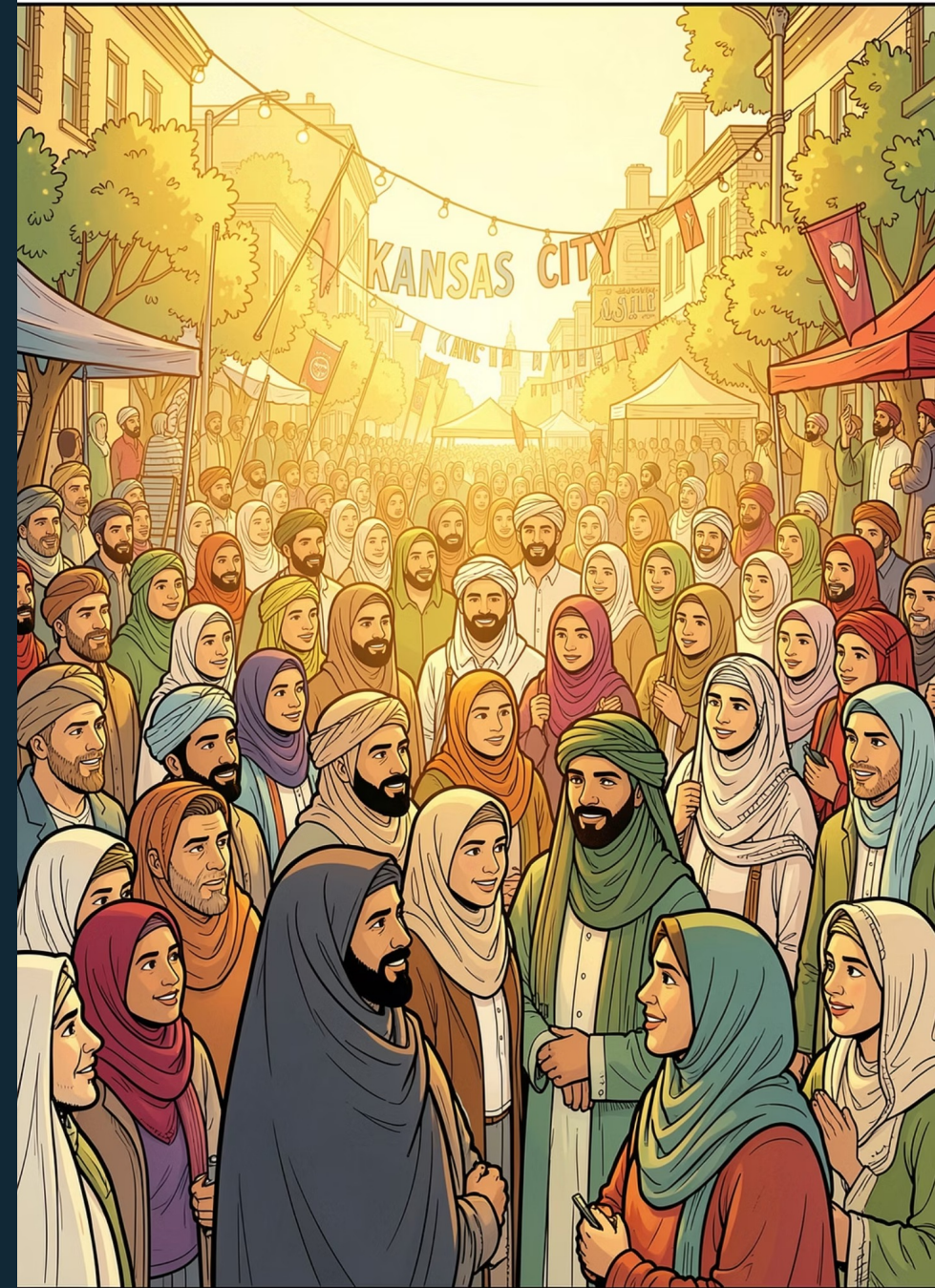


Voter Education Missouri

Your voice shapes your community. Your vote shapes your future.

AMERICAN MUSLIM COALITION OF KANSAS CITY

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ABOUT US

Who We Are



American Muslim Coalition of Kansas City

501(c)(3) Nonprofit Organization

AMCKC unites and empowers Muslims and Muslim organizations across Greater Kansas City through civic engagement, socio-economic development, and community collaboration.

Our mission: building a peaceful, safe, and prosperous society — together.

Missouri Counties & Local Elections

Missouri is home to **114 counties** and the **independent City of St. Louis**, each with its own local governance structure. Elections for county commissioners, school boards, city councils, and other local offices directly shape daily life, public services, and community development. Understanding your county's landscape is crucial for making your voice heard where it matters most.





WHY IT MATTERS

Local Elections Shape Your Daily Life

Schools & Youth

Curriculum, funding, and programs for your children

Public Safety

Police, fire, and emergency services in your neighborhood

Housing & Roads

Zoning, rent policies, buses, and infrastructure

Courts & Justice

Judges, sheriffs, and district attorneys who enforce the law

WHY IT MATTERS

Who Makes These Decisions?

Elected officials at every level determine how your tax dollars are spent and which policies affect your family.



Judges

Rule on legal cases and interpret the law



District Attorney

Decides which criminal cases to prosecute



Sheriff

Leads county law enforcement



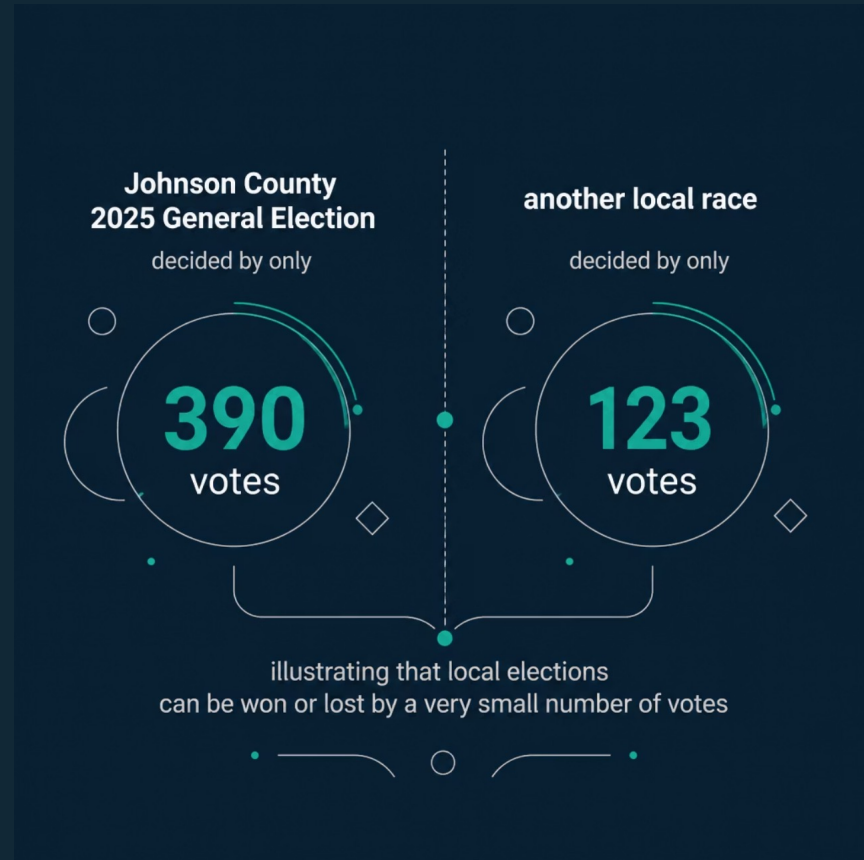
Coroner & Court Clerk

Handle vital records and court administration

WHY IT MATTERS

Your Vote Has More Power Locally

Local elections are often decided by just a handful of votes. A small number of votes can make a big difference.



Real Examples from Kansas

Johnson County races have been decided by margins as small as **123 votes** and **390 votes**. Your single vote — and the votes of your neighbors — can determine who leads your community.

i In local elections, voter turnout is often low — which means **your vote carries even more weight.**

The Muslim Vote Matters

"If you do not care for politics, the politicians are not going to care for you." — This mindset has hurt us in the past. We cannot remain inactive anymore.

Vote at Every Level

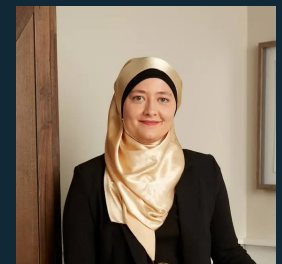
Federal, state, county, city, and local — every ballot matters

Elect Muslim Candidates

Muslim representation benefits your family, your children, and the entire community

Build Community Power

A unified, engaged Muslim community commands respect and influence



Muslim Vote Matters

Getting out to vote is essential



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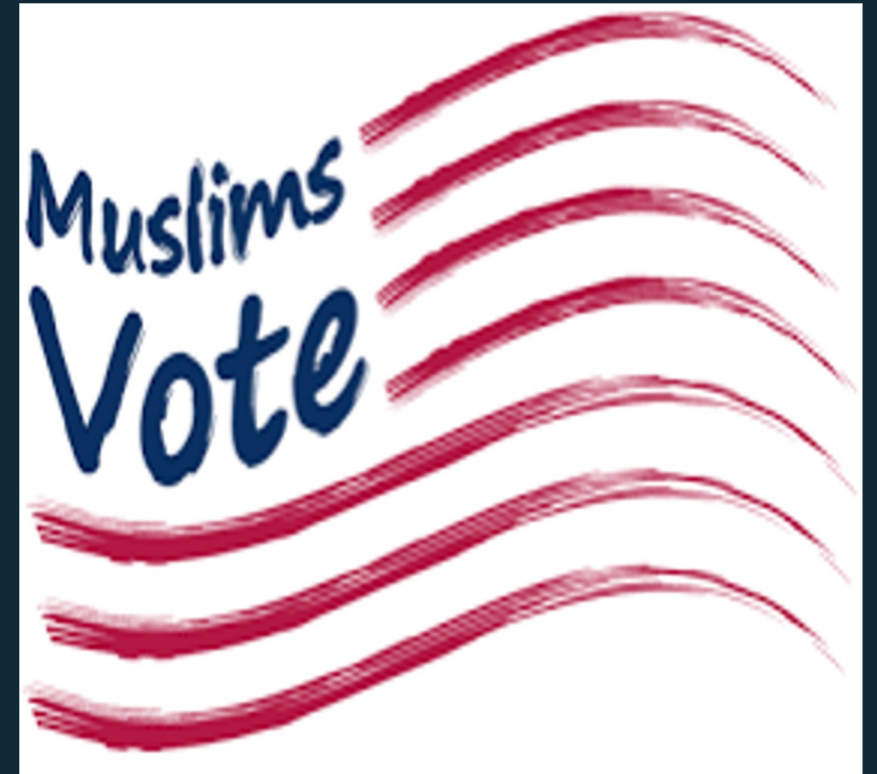
Vote at All Levels

Voting at all levels of government is important — federal, state, county, city, and local.



Elect Muslim Candidates

Electing Muslim candidates to public offices will benefit your family, your children, and the Muslim community.



CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

The Mosque as a Hub for Civic Engagement

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and Civic Responsibility

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ was not only a spiritual leader — he also helped build a just and organized community in Madinah.

His participation in community agreements, protected rights, and encouraged consultation, fairness, and responsibility.

His example shows that being engaged in community affairs is part of caring for people and upholding justice.



Mosques and Civic Engagement

Shura (Consultation)

Leadership in Islam is based on mutual consultation. "And whose affairs are [determined by] consultation among themselves" (Quran 42:38)

Amana (Sacred Trust)

Amana is a sacred trust. A registration form from you at your local election office or download it online. It by mail to ensure your registration is processed.

Shahadah (Witnessing)

Shahadah is a form of giving testimony. To abstain is to withhold a testimony for the good of the community.

Mosques and Civic Engagement (2)



The Minbar (The Pulpit)

Using Friday Khutbahs to educate the community on the importance of social justice and being heard in the "public square."



Neutral Education

Hosting "Candidate Forums" where the community can vet leaders based on values like compassion, integrity, and equity.



Voter Mobilization

Serving as a physical site for voter registration drives and "Souls to the Polls" coordination.

The Mosque as a Civic Hub

Mosques play a vital role in civic life — within clear legal boundaries under federal tax law.

✓ Allowed

- Nonpartisan voter registration drives
- Hosting candidate forums (all candidates invited)
- Issue education and community discussions
- Get-out-the-vote (GOTV) efforts
- Renting space at fair market value

✗ Not Allowed

- Endorsing specific candidates
- Donating mosque funds to campaigns
- Campaigning from the pulpit
- Using mosque resources for one candidate only

📋 501(c)(3) organizations must remain nonpartisan to maintain tax-exempt status.

HOW TO VOTE

How to Vote in Missouri



Missouri requires voters to show an acceptable photo ID to cast a regular ballot. Accepted IDs include a Missouri driver or non-driver license, U.S. passport, military ID, or another qualifying photo ID issued by the United States or the State of Missouri. Visit the Missouri Secretary of State's Go Vote Missouri site to register, check your voter registration, or find your polling place.

KEY INFORMATION

Key Dates & Trusted Resources

- 1 Register to Vote**
Deadline is typically the **4th Wednesday before Election Day**.
- 2 No-Excuse In-Person Absentee Voting Opens**
Begins **two weeks before Election Day**.
- 3 Absentee Ballot Request Deadline**
Mailed absentee ballot requests must be received by **5:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday before Election Day**.
- 4 Election Day**
Polls are open **6:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.** Bring an acceptable photo ID.

 sos.mo.gov/elections/goVoteMissouri

Register and check your registration

 sos.mo.gov/elections

Missouri election info

 rockthevote.org

Nonpartisan election guides

 **CAIR Action Missouri**

Civic engagement resources



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