

*In the name of God, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful*



**CAIR**  
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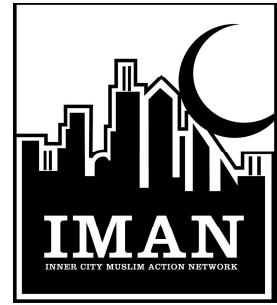


ATLANTA MASJID  
OF AL-ISLAM



**Al-Farooq**  
Masjid of Atlanta

**Georgia Muslim  
Voter Project** 



August 23, 2017

Greetings of Peace:

On behalf of Georgia's Muslim community, we wish you well in your ongoing campaign to serve as the next Mayor of the City of Atlanta. We also thank you for meeting with CAIR Georgia earlier this summer to discuss issues of importance to Atlanta Muslims. We write now to invite your campaign to engage in direct dialogue with Muslim voters before the upcoming election.

As you may know, the City of Atlanta is home to dozens of Islamic houses of worship, as well as most of Georgia's 150,000 Muslims. Every day, Atlanta Muslims make positive contributions to our city. We serve as business owners, homemakers, teachers, custodians, construction workers, doctors, engineers, law enforcement officers, philanthropists, chaplains, and everything in-between.

Atlanta Muslims also care deeply about the future of our city. That's why our mosques, civic organizations, and civil rights groups are reaching out to each mayoral campaign with a united voice. Although the signatories to this letter cannot and will not endorse any particular candidate, we hope to educate Muslim voters about the goals and positions of every candidate, just as we hope to educate every candidate about the hopes and concerns of Muslim voters.

To that end we are inviting every mayoral candidate to visit Atlanta Masjid of Al-Islam, our city's oldest mosque, and/or Al-Farooq Masjid, our city's largest mosque, to meet with voters and dialogue with community leaders.

Muslims gather every Friday afternoon for Jum'ah, our weekly prayer service, which starts around 1:30 pm and ends around 2:30 pm. This might be the best time for you to visit a mosque, set up a table with your campaign literature, and greet large numbers of Atlanta Muslim voters. Let us know if any particular Friday would work for you.

Finally, we encourage you to complete and return the attached candidate survey, which asks about issues of importance to Atlanta Muslims, including housing and the economy, public safety, religious freedom, civil rights, and anti-Muslim bigotry.

If you have any questions, feel free to email or call us at your pleasure. Asalaam Alaykum.  
May God's peace be upon you.

With thanks,

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## Questions for 2017 Atlanta Mayoral Candidates

### *PUBLIC SAFETY*

- 1. Do you support the law enforcement strategy known as broken-windows policing?**  
(Check one) Support  Oppose  Partially Support  Undecided
- 2. Do you support the law enforcement strategy known as community policing?**  
(Check one) Support  Oppose  Partially Support  Undecided
- 3. Do you personally support the passage of a state-level Hate Crimes Law in Georgia?**  
(Check one) Support  Oppose  Undecided
- 4. Should the Municipal Court of Atlanta pursue alternatives to placing convicted and fined defendants on private probation, such as the alternatives of community service or government-run probation without monthly fees?**  
(Check one) Yes  No  Undecided
- 5. Should Atlanta Police Department officers receive religious and cultural sensitivity training, including training related to the American Muslim community?**  
(Check one) Yes  No  Undecided
- 6. Upon request, should the Atlanta jail grant religious dietary accommodations (kosher, halal, vegetarian, etc.) to individuals in extended law enforcement custody?**  
(Check one) Yes  No  Undecided
- 7. Upon request, should the Atlanta jail permit female inmates who cover their hair for religious reasons to continue wearing their hijabs, or other religious scarves, while detained?**  
(Check one) Support  Oppose  Undecided

**8. The Atlanta Police Department participates in the Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange (GILEE) program, which has arranged for hundreds of Georgia officers to engage in policing training with Israel, China, Egypt, and other foreign governments, despite human rights abuses committed by some of these nations.**

- 1. Would you continue APD involvement in this program without changes?
- 2. Would you temporarily pause this program in order to learn more, and meet with concerned community leaders, before sending new officers overseas?
- 3. Would you terminate APD involvement with this program, and limit foreign police training to nations without a history of human rights violations?

*RELIGIOUS FREEDOM*

**9. Should the City of Atlanta require faith-based non-profit organizations, such as private religious shelters or charities, to provide services to all members of the public, even if providing those services would violate the non-profit's sincerely held religious beliefs?**

(Check one) Yes  No  Undecided

**10. Should the City of Atlanta require for-profit businesses to provide services to all members of the public, even if providing those services would violate the business owner's sincerely held religious beliefs?**

(Check one) Yes  No  Undecided

**11. Does the First Amendment protect a city employee from disciplinary action if he or she expresses potentially controversial religious views while off-duty and speaking in a private capacity? For example, an employee writes on his or her personal Facebook page, "As a member of a polytheistic faith, I personally believe that all monotheistic faiths are false religions."**

Yes. Protected First Amendment Speech  No. Subject To Discipline   
Undecided

**12. Upon request, should the Atlanta Public School System grant space on-campus for K-12 students of any faith to use for private prayer, including the daily Islamic prayers?**

(Check one) Yes  No  Undecided

**13. Should school officials and teachers receive cultural sensitivity training, including training related to the American Muslim community?**

(Check one) Support  Oppose  Undecided

**14. This year, Mayor Reed hosted and attended the City of Atlanta's first annual Ramadan Interfaith Iftar (Fast-Breaking Dinner). Do you plan continue this annual tradition?**

(Check one) Yes  No  Undecided

*HOUSING & THE ECONOMY*

**15. Do you support guaranteeing affordable housing for Atlanta families earning a maximum of 30% of the Area Median Income, or a different range?**

(Check one) Yes  No  Undecided  Other AMI Range \_\_\_\_\_

**16. Fulltime City of Atlanta employees now receive a minimum wage of \$15 per hour. Would you maintain that minimum wage for city employees? If not, what would you consider a reasonable minimum wage for city employees?**

(Check one) Yes  No  Reasonable Minimum Wage \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**17. If you become the Mayor, and Governor Deal asks for your opinion about whether the state should establish a minimum wage higher than the current \$7.25, how would you respond? If yes, what would you consider a reasonable minimum wage in Georgia?**

(Check one) Yes  No  Reasonable Minimum Wage \$ 15.

*DISCRIMINATION & CIVIL RIGHTS*

**18. Did you vote for Donald J. Trump in the 2016 presidential election?**

(Check one) Yes  No  Prefer not to say

**19. Do you currently support President Trump's executive order barring nationals of six Muslim-majority countries from entering the United States?**

(Check one) Support  Oppose  Prefer not to say

**20. Do you believe the President's "travel ban" is motivated primarily by legitimate concerns about national security or by anti-Muslim bigotry or both?**

(Check one) Security  Bigotry  Both  Prefer not to say

**21. Should United States, as well as the City of Atlanta, welcome visitors and immigrants, regardless of their faith?**

(Check one) Yes  No  Prefer not to say

**22. Earlier this summer, the anti-Islam hate group ACT for America held an armed protest in Piedmont Park against "Sharia." As Mayor, would you denounce anti-Muslim hate speech and hate crimes if they occur in Atlanta?**

(Check one) Yes  No  Prefer not to say

**23. Should the City of Atlanta rename all public streets that recognize members of the Confederacy?**

(Check one) Yes  No  Undecided

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Name of Mayoral Candidate & Date