

Candidate Information

As Salaam Alaikum,

In an effort to introduce yourself to the community, please provide your brief background and your plans.

JazakAllah Khair
Election 2018 Committee

Last Name *

Khalil

First and Middle Name *

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Position *

DIR, NORTH ZONE



Introduction *

Begin with some background information about yourself. Try to include some qualities that separate you from your opposition. Keep it positive and perhaps touch on some issues that are of concern to voters.

A relatively newcomer to Houston area, moved here in 2009. Have always been an active volunteer in the Muslim community since my student years in Sweden. The biggest challenge that we are facing today as a community is how to overcome our personal differences and work together towards achieving our common goals. I always strive to be topic/item focused and not let personal likes/dislikes hinder the work for the betterment of the community. We do have a lot of internal and external challenges to deal with in the coming years. From addressing Muslim community position in the society, fight against Islamophobia, highlight our community contributions to the society at large, and make sure that our concerns are known to elected officers. Internally we do have to bring ISGH main center to a professional level to meet the community growth and increasing needs, complete the cemetery project, focus on Dawha activities and outreach programs.

Highest Level of Education *

High School

Bachelors

Masters

Doctorate

Area of Study *

Your major for degrees or certificates earned in an institution of higher learning. Mention the name and location of the Institution.

MA in Political Science and Economics. Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana.

Current Profession *

Job title, Job Description, if Retired Previous Profession

Investment Advisor, since 2005 with a company that do Shariah compliance & social responsible investments

Formal Islamic Education *

Please briefly share any religious training you have received, such as graduate of an Islamic University or Madrassah, Hafiz Quran, Dars Nizami, Certificate in Arabic, Islamic Finance, or if you have studied under a known sheikh.

Have completed the 12 years Islamic religious education program (which was an obligatory part of the school curriculum) in schools in Egypt. Was a Hifz student for 3 years in Alexandria Egypt. Arabic is my native language. Have been a regular attendees of Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday Fajr programs in the North zone (at Ansar & other Mousala in the area). Occasionally gives Jumha Khutba. Extensive knowledge in rules and criteria for Islamic stock market investment

Previous Leadership Experience *

What experiences in your personal, professional or political life have helped shape you and made you the person you are today? Discuss your titles, community and civic work, awards and other offices you've held. How do those experiences translate into being a better candidate for the position you are running? Don't just create a laundry list of accomplishments, but work your experience into a larger narrative. A little bit about you personally goes a long way. Voters want to know about you, but maybe not every detail of your life. Include both personal and professional content that helps provide a rounded idea of who you are.

Have been an active volunteer since the years i lived in Sweden, both at local Masjid and in the Swedish local government employees union. I worked for 6 years (part time) as an interpreter in Sweden which was a great experience. I got to see each problem from 2 angles and from there I developed interest in learning more about conflict resolutions and mediation. These are skills that i still try to implement in each situation i deal with, both personally and as a board member. I Was member in SUNY Albany MSA, which was a total different experience than student life in Sweden. During my years in Indiana, I was a board member for 4 years in Islamic Society of Greater Lafayette, IN (Purdue University area). I also served as Woodlands AD 2012-2015 and ISGH General Secretary 2017-2018. I do like to travel and have been to more than 30 countries, this gave me a better prospective about understanding our differences as humans, the role culture plays in shaping the characters of each society and the importance of creating common goals that we can work to achieve instead of focusing on our differences.

Goals *

Please list three most urgent issues you will tackle first if you are elected for your position

Make sure that North Zone keeps it's growth and continue to be a welcoming masjids for everyone.

Assure that our masjids are in compliance with ISGH policy, without creating unnecessary procedures that become an obstacle between community and it's elected leaders.

Give more attention to ""forgotten groups"" in our community, example converts, sisters, youth, and make sure to have programs to address their specific needs.

What do you want to accomplish? *

What do you want to accomplish during your time in office? Perhaps your goals can relate to previous accomplishments in your life. Use some examples if you can. Take a situation and how you handled it and use it as a template for this section.

My main goal is for us to be able as a board to put our personal differences (likes and dislikes) aside and work on the merits of the items/ issues we are facing.

Final Thoughts *

End on a strong note. Finish your candidate biography with a strong statement about your purpose for running and what you hope to accomplish in the office you seek. Be inspirational and specific.

Until early October i was thinking to take a "sabbatical year" from active role in the ISGH board. I had so many community members contacting me that I agreed to submit a nomination. Allah divine destiny is that am one of the candidates for the North zone, and I pray that we have our intentions pure to solely serve the community not our egos and that Allah bring us the best outcomes for ourselves and for the community at large. I hope that candidates who don't be chosen, not to be discouraged and to continue volunteering for the betterment of the community.

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