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NASHVILLE MUSLIM COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO ATTEND VOTE TOGETHER CELEBRATION

Event part of a national campaign to change the culture of voting and increase participation in the 2018 elections

Nashville, TN – The American Muslim Advisory Council is organizing a community event in Nashville to celebrate civic pride and encourage greater participation in the Muslim Community in the upcoming midterm election. The Vote Together Party with AMAC will be held at Casa Azafran, 2195 Nolensville Pike, Nashville, TN 37211, on Friday, October 26, from 2pm to 7pm. We'll have food catered by Cafe Rakka, henna, a photo booth, door prizes and much more. Everyone is welcomed.

The event is being hosted as part of #VoteTogether and MTV's +1thevote, national initiatives to bring together families, friends and neighbors in celebration of civic engagement and the act of voting. The initiative aims to create 2000 voting celebrations across the county with 75 celebrations being held in Tennessee. Learn more at <https://votetogetherusa.org>.

"The Muslim community understands the importance of having their voices heard on issues that are important to them such as immigration, healthcare, education, safety and jobs," said AMAC Chair Zulfat Suara. "We believe that by making voting a community celebration, we can bring more Muslims out to vote."

Middle Tennessee has an estimated 35,000 Muslims including the largest Kurdish population in the US. Contrary to popular belief, the US Muslim population include both immigrants and non-immigrants from diverse racial, ethnic and economic backgrounds. According to the 2017 Pew Research Survey, 82% of US adult Muslims are US citizens.

AMAC will arrange for transportation from area mosques after Friday prayers to the Vote Together Party to make it easier for community members to early vote. Besides the food and entertainment, AMAC will explain the voting process for new voters.

The American Muslim Advisory Council's mission mission is to foster mutual trust and respect among all people through civic engagement, community building and media relations in order to protect all Tennesseans from prejudice and targeted violence.

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