OVERVIEW

As the world changes drastically around us, it is more important than ever to make our voices heard at the polls on November 8, 2016. The hope inspired by the revolutions that swept across the Arab world has turned into a desperate and urgent fear of violent extremists threatening the entire region. The Israeli-Palestinian conflict saw yet another cycle of failed negotiations coupled with tragedy and violence. The wars in Iraq and Syria continue to tear apart whole societies and fundamentally redefine the role of the global community.

At home, our government has yet to achieve the right balance between protecting our national security and preserving our civil liberties. We have seen countless accounts of alarming, intrusive surveillance programs targeting our community that violate our constitutionally guaranteed rights as equal citizens. Hard won momentum pushing forward immigration reform stalled and another session of congress will end without enacting much needed reform of our immigration system. The coming election will have to address all these questions and more, and your vote will shape the direction of this country for decades to come. Our community has been a part of the national conversation on these issues and it is critical that we get to the ballot box in November.

We have compiled this Voter Guide to help you educate yourself before going to the polls. It contains important information about the voting process in your state and contact information for parties and candidates. As our community of nearly 4 million Arab Americans continues to grow both in size and in political prominence, we remain focused and committed to the empowerment of our community and the betterment of our nation. For many, that begins at the ballot box. Use this guide, share it, and Yalla Vote!

According to the latest US Census Bureau data, over 65,000 Arab Americans currently reside in Massachusetts. Yet, due to undercounting, we estimate that Massachusetts hosts a growing Arab American community totaling close to 200,000. The US Census Bureau reported that the population who identified as having Arabic-speaking ancestry grew by more than 18% between 2000 and 2010.


ARAB AMERICAN DEMOGRAPHICS

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**GENERAL ELECTION**

General Election: **Tuesday, November 8, 2016**
Polls open 7 AM (though towns allowed to open polls at 5:45 AM). Polls close 8 PM.

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**DEADLINES**

Last day to register for the state election: **October 19, 2016**
Requests for Absentee Ballots must be received by 12 PM on **November 7, 2016**
Absentee Ballots must be received before 8 PM on **November 8, 2016**

**REGISTER TO VOTE**

You may submit an application to register or pre-register to vote in Massachusetts if:
• You are a citizen of the United States; and
• You are 16 years old; and
• You are not currently incarcerated by reason of a felony conviction.

If you meet the above requirements, you may apply online, by mail, or in-person.

You must be at least 18 years old on or before election day in order to vote.

In order to register to vote, a Voter Registration Form must be submitted to the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This form can be found here: www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/elepdf/Voter-reg-mail-in.pdf.

The form can be filled and submitted online here: www.sec.state.ma.us/ovr/. You must have a signature on file with the Registry of Motor Vehicles in order to register to vote online.

In order to register by mail, download the voter registration form, print it, and fill it out. After completing the form, it must be delivered to your local Massachusetts election office (find your office here: http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/eleclk/clkidx.htm) and the elections division of the Secretary of the Commonwealth’s office (refer above to State Election Information for the mailing address where the form needs to be sent).

Another option is to register in-person at your local election office or at the elections division office. Voter registration can also be performed in-person at a transaction with the Registry of Motor Vehicles and at certain public assistance agencies. Voter registration forms completed in-person are valid as of the day that they are signed.

**ABSENTEE VOTING**

Massachusetts voters can vote by absentee ballot if they:
• will be absent from their city or town on Election Day;
• possess a physical disability
• possess a religious belief that prevents other forms of voting besides absentee voting.

Although the deadline to request absentee ballots is noon of the day before Election Day, voters should apply as soon as possible. An absentee ballot application form is available at your local election office and online.

To be counted, a completed absentee ballot must be received by the elections division of the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts before 8 PM on Election Day.

**EARLY VOTING**

Voters may vote early in person at a designated early voting location or by mail. A voter may only vote early by mail or at an early voting location for the city or town in which he or she is registered to vote. Early voting begins on October 24, 2016 at the start of your local election office’s hours. Early voting ends on the closing time of your local election office on **November 4, 2016**.
Voter ID Requirements

You may be asked to show identification at the check-in table for any of the following reasons:

• You are voting for the first time in Massachusetts in a federal election;
• You are an inactive voter;
• You are casting a provisional or challenged ballot;
• The poll worker has a reasonable suspicion that leads them to request identification.

Presenting photo identification is not required. A full listing of acceptable forms of identification can be found online.

Campaigning & the Polls

Massachusetts law prohibits campaigning within 150 feet of a polling location. This includes but is not limited to: the posting, exhibition, circulation, or distribution of material—including posters, stickers, cards, handbills, placards, pictures or circulars—intended to influence the action of the voter. A person standing within 150 feet of a polling location, including observers in the polling location, may not: hold any campaign sign; hand any person literature intended to influence the voter’s action at the polls; wear any campaign buttons or identifying signage; solicit a person’s vote for or against a candidate or question on the ballot; or, distribute stickers. Circulators of nomination papers, initiative and referenda petitions are also restricted from soliciting signatures within 150 feet of a building entrance door to a polling place. This is true even where the nomination papers, initiative petition or referendum have nothing to do with the current election.

The law, however, does not limit the voter themselves from bringing material into the voting booth. They can bring preprinted brochures or pamphlets, or their own notes. The voter may also bring with them a sticker, handed to them on their way into the polls by one of the write-in candidates, to affix to the ballot. However, there are criminal penalties for exhibiting such materials.

Accordingly, voters should not display campaign literature while in the polling location. Additionally, it is incumbent on the election officers to check the voting booths regularly to see that no one has left any materials behind.

Representatives of the news media shall be allowed to enter, remain within and leave any polling place or restricted area surrounding any polling place to observe the election, provided any such representative who in any way interferes with the orderly process of voting shall be evicted by the moderator. Any person who violates any provision of this section or, while the polls are open for voting, removes or injures any such distance marker, shall be fined not more than fifty dollars or imprisoned not more than three months or both.

Poll Watchers

Any citizen may go to a polling place and observe. The poll watcher watches to see if any violations of the election laws occur. If a violation occurs, the poll watcher is to inform the election board of the violation. The election board consists of the poll workers. Uniformed law enforcement officers are not allowed to be poll watchers.

They cannot use the poll workers’ supplies. The poll watcher may not interfere with or impede the conduct of any election. He/she should come no closer to the official table or the voting booths than is reasonably necessary. Unless there is an observation of questionable nature, the poll watcher is not permitted to speak to the election board or voter.

What may poll watchers do:

• The first poll watcher of the Election Day has the right to see that the ballot box is empty before the first ballot is cast.
• A poll watcher may observe the distribution of the ballot to the voter and after the voter has voted the depositing of ballot into the ballot box.
• If the poll watcher observes what he/she thinks might be a violation, he/she may question a voter’s privilege by stating his/her case to the election board. Remember, the election board consists of the poll workers at that precinct.
The poll watcher may observe the closing procedures when the polls close. A poll watcher is not allowed to talk to any person in the polling place except when questioning a procedure.

No poll watcher may wear anything advertising a candidacy or promoting for or against an issue. Poll watchers are official observers only. They may observe the conduct of the election before, during and after the polls close. The election board is the sole authority in the polling place on Election Day. No person, except the board, may handle or touch election supplies and materials. If the poll watcher feels that a violation has taken place during an election, the poll watcher must notify the election board. Electioneering, campaigning or solicitation within 100 feet of the entrance to the polling room is prohibited.

POLL WORKER

The law requires that everyone who works in a polling place of Election Date receive training, including instruction on the rights of voters with disabilities. Also, a poll worker shall be a voter of the state and the poll worker may serve only in the precinct for which his or her appointment is received. Furthermore, a student may be appointed as a poll worker. However, an elections official may appoint not more than five students per precinct to serve under the direct supervision of precinct board members designated by the elections official. Poll workers also learn about issues confronting voters who have disabilities, including access barriers and the need to make reasonable modification of policies and procedures to allow equals access to vote.
Democratic Presidential Challenger

**Hillary Clinton**, a graduate of Yale Law School, began her career working for the Children's Defense Fund, and later acting as an advisor to the U.S. House Judiciary Committee during the Watergate scandal. She served as First Lady of Arkansas from 1979 to 1992, during which she became a partner at Rose Law Firm and led several business ventures. In 1992, Hillary Clinton became First Lady of the United States when Bill Clinton was elected as President. As First Lady, she chaired the Task Force on National Healthcare Reform. In 2000, Clinton was elected to the U.S. Senate from New York, where she served two terms. During her time in the Senate, Clinton served on the Committee on Budget, Armed Services, Environment and Public Works, Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, and Special Committee on Aging. Additionally, she was a member of the Committee on Security and Cooperation in Europe.

In the 2008 Presidential election she ran unsuccessfully against President Barack Obama. President Obama appointed Clinton U.S. Secretary of State, where she served from 2008 to 2012. She announced her campaign for the 2016 Democratic nomination on Twitter in April 2015.

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Democratic Vice Presidential Challenger

**Senator Tim Kaine (D-VA)** graduated from the University of Missouri, and earned a law degree from Harvard Law School during which he interrupted his studies to work for nine months at a Jesuit mission in Honduras. Upon completion of Harvard Law, Kaine entered private practice and became a lecturer at the University of Richmond School of Law. He was first elected to public office in 1994, when he won a seat on the Richmond, Virginia City Council. He was then elected Mayor of Richmond in 1998, serving in that position until 2001 when he was elected Lieutenant Governor of Virginia. Kaine was elected Governor of Virginia in 2005, serving until 2010. He served as chairman of the Democratic National Committee from 2009 to 2011, and then decided to run for the vacant U.S. Senate seat, an election he won. Senator Kaine is presently serving in the Senate and is a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, Senate Budget Committee, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and the Special Committee on Aging.

Senator Kaine was selected by Hillary Clinton as her Vice Presidential running mate on July 22nd. On July 27, 2016 Senator Kaine officially accepted the Democratic nomination.
Republican Presidential Challenger

Donald Trump is a real estate mogul and television personality best known for the eponymous Trump Organization and his reality TV program “The Apprentice.” Born and raised in New York City, Trump earned his bachelor’s degree in economics from the University of Pennsylvania’s Wharton School in 1968. In 1973, Trump inherited his father’s real estate and construction firm, and renamed it “The Trump Organization.”

Trump is a politically active member of the Tea Party movement and had discussed the idea of running for President of the United States in five previous election cycles. In June 2015, Trump announced his campaign for the 2016 Republican nomination in front of Trump Tower in New York City. Trump officially accepted the Republican National Committee’s nomination for President at the 2016 Republican National Convention.

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Republican Vice Presidential Challenger

Following graduation from law school, Governor Mike Pence unsuccessfully ran for Congress in 1988 and 1990, losing both times to Democratic incumbent Phil Sharp. In 1991, Pence was named President of the Indiana Policy Review Foundation, a conservative think tank based in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Pence was elected to Congress in November 2000 and served for six terms. In November 2008, his fellow GOP members elected him to serve as Chairman of the House Republican Conference. During his tenure in Congress, Pence served on multiple House committees including, Agriculture, Judiciary, Small Business, and Foreign Affairs. In May 2011, Pence announced that he would not run for re-election in Congress, and instead successfully ran for Governor of Indiana in the 2012 election. As Governor, Pence made national headlines when he signed Indiana’s controversial “Religious Freedom Restoration Act” into law. This action brought about widespread criticism alleging that the bill would permit discrimination against the LGBTQ community.

On July 15, 2016, Donald Trump announced that he had selected Pence as his Vice Presidential running mate in the 2016 Presidential election.
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