



Khutbah Talking Points

Encouraging the Muslim Community to Vote in the Local Elections

- The principle of “command good and forbid evil” extends to our role in communities as citizens.
- Civic engagement is expected from citizens to participate in society.
- We have a social responsibility as Muslims to improve our communities.
- Local elections are more important than federal elections because they determine how our immediate communities are daily governed.
- Local elections are more influential for our communities.
- Voting during local elections is a more effective way to participate in your community’s political process and have Muslim voices heard.
- Muslims can prioritize the issues that are important to their community by being engaged with local elections and candidates.
- The consequences of not participating in local community affairs produce greater burdens and less benefits for our communities.
- Elected officials are public servants who represent the community that voted for them.
- Candidates will not take the Muslim community seriously if they are not a voter community.
- Not voting is ultimately giving consent to whichever local official comes into power.
- Voting is one of the easiest ways to make a difference.
- Make your plan to vote beforehand and take time to learn about different local candidates and their platforms to make an informed voting decision.
- Voting is open now until Tuesday Nov. 2, 2021. To find your pollsite, visit findmypollsite.nyc.gov