

The following resolution was adopted by the Democratic National Committee at its meeting on August 24, 2019, in San Francisco, CA.

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Resolution to Establish the DNC Muslim Council

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party embraces people of all faith traditions and backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party is the Party of the People and fights for the most vulnerable in our communities; and

WHEREAS, the platform of the Democratic Party states that “Democrats will always fight to end discrimination on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, language, religion, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability”; and

WHEREAS, our Party is committed to tolerance; diversity; and ensuring members of minority communities, including religious minorities, are equally represented within the Democratic Party; and

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party believes that faith communities are on the front lines of many important policy debates facing our nation; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 3.45 million Muslims in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Donald Trump demonized Muslims throughout his presidential campaign and administration and has appointed numerous staff affiliated with anti-Muslim hate groups; and

WHEREAS, according to the Southern Poverty Law Center, there are 100 anti-Muslim hate groups in the U.S. advocating for policies that infringe on the rights and liberties of Muslims; and

WHEREAS, the Trump administration has implemented a series of discriminatory policies targeting the Muslim community, including a Muslim ban that has impacted the lives of countless Muslim families; and

WHEREAS, the mechanism of a Council amplifies the voices within the Muslim community to ensure we increase engagement of the community within the Party in order to push back effectively against the Trump administration's discriminatory policies;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the DNC establish a Muslim Sub-Council of the Interfaith Council which will seek to give voice to those in the Muslim community in the activities and structure of the Democratic Party, address issues of concern to the community, and seek greater collaboration on shared priorities.