



Arab American Democratic Club

Zoom Online

Annual Candidates Conference

Sunday, Oct. 25, 2020, 11 AM



**45 years of service to the
Arab American Community and to our American Society**



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The Arab American Democratic Club is proud to present this Zoom Online Conference to give our Democratic candidates and government leaders the opportunity to speak to our community and to strengthen the bond between Arab Americans and Good Government.

We want to thank all of the candidates and elected officials for taking the time to join us during these unusual times of the Coronavirus COVID-19 Pandemic to participate in this virtual Zoom Online Community and candidates rally.



We are proud to provide a platform for our Democratic Party candidates to gather and share their views and strengthen our bonds together, and to our guests who include many prominent journalists from the Southwest News Newspaper Group, the Daily Southtown/Chicago Tribune, the Richard Free Press Online, and the Patch News Online.

We hope you find the online conference to be informative and helpful in bringing everyone together for an important cause as we begin the process to vote in the November 3, 2020 General Election.

Thank you

Samir Khalil, AADC President



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Program

All of the Democratic Candidates have been invited to attend the AADC Annual Zoom Candidates Forum and those who responded are listed on our program agenda.

AADC endorses all of the Democratic Candidates and all of the judges.

Each candidate has 5 to 7 minutes to address the audience.

The Zoom Conference will be recorded and distributed widely including on the AADC Facebook Page and distributed to various online news websites for viewing.

Following candidate presentations, AADC is proud to offer a panel of esteemed community journalists, reporters and columnists who will offer their opinions and thoughts about the upcoming election, and the involvement of Arab American voters.

We hope you find the program to be informative and helpful.

We also want to thank our program sponsors who help to fund costs for the website, mailings, palm cards and this event and other upcoming Zoom conferences.

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AADC WELCOME REMARKS

Samir Khalil, *Founder of the Arab American Democratic Club*

Ray Hanania, *Award-winning columnist, former Chicago City Hall political reporter; Columnist with the Southwest News Newspaper Group, the Patch Online, and the Event Emcee*
Hassan Nijem, *President American Arab Chamber of Commerce*

SPECIAL REMARKS

Jim Zogby, *President of the Arab American Institute, Washington DC*
Jennifer Atala, *GOTV Director for Arabs for Biden*

GUEST OFFICIALS

Chris Getty, Lyons Village President
Marie Newman, Democratic Party endorsed candidate for the 3rd Congressional District
Aurelia Pucinski, Judge, Illinois Appellate Court 1st District (Retention)
Gerald Bennett, Palos Hills Mayor
Tammy Wendt, candidate for 1st District Cook County Board of Appeals
Emanuel "Chris" Welch, 7th

District State Representative

John Michael Allegretti, Cook

County Circuit Court Judge

Mariyana Spyropoulos, MWRD Board President

Michael P. Toomin, Judge Cook County Circuit Court, presiding judge of the Juvenile Justice Division

Anna Demacopoulos, Judge Cook County Circuit Court, General Chancery Division

JOURNALISTS PANEL

Steve Metsch, *Political Reporter, Journalist for the Southwest News Newspaper Group including The Regional News Newspaper.*

Ted Slowik, *Political columnist for the Daily Southtown (Chicago Tribune)*

Jon DePaolis, *Editor the Richard Free Press Online*

Lorraine Swanson, *Editor of the Patch News online*

CLOSING REMARKS

Fadi Tadros, *special remembrance for Arab American Future News Publisher Mansour Tadros*

Ray Hanania

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