Power Building Membership Packet.
MISSION OF JMC

Our Mission:

- The mission of Justice for Muslims Collective is to dismantle institutional and structural Islamophobia through raising political consciousness and shifting narratives, community empowerment, organizing and healing, and building alliances across movements with a focus on the greater Washington region.

"Getting everything we need in order to live and thrive"
Justice for Muslims Collective (JMC) was born out of the advocacy work of Darakshan Raja and Dr. Maha Hilal that challenged Islamophobia. The project was formalized in October 2016 after Darakshan convened the initial steering committee that was focused on building a coalition that would challenge Islamophobia in the DMV region, and coordinate responses among organizations in the area. Over the initial months of convening the coalition, and the onslaught of the Trump era policies, it became apparent that JMC would need to grow from solely being a coalition-building, political education, and rapid-response space to incorporating a long-term power-building strategy. JMC incorporated power-building as a core strategy by emphasizing community empowerment, organizing, and healing justice. The program brought in other member leaders to move the organizing work in 2019 with the start of the Muslim Women's Organizing Institute.

Our Story

JMC's power-building work centers abolition and healing justice. We use organizing, community-building, civic engagement, mutual aid, leadership development, and coalition-building to sustain our work.

OUR DIFFERENT SPHERES OF WORK
WHO & WHAT IS MEMBERSHIP?

JMC Membership is open to Muslims and people who are perceived to be Muslim or have been impacted by Islamophobia. The only requirement you would have as a member is to join JMC’s listserv and attend 2 meetings throughout the year, a monthly donation of $1 dollars and we encourage people who are able to afford to be sustainers, to give more. If this fee presents a barrier, let us know because we want everyone involved. If you are interested in taking on a bigger role, reach out to us. For JMC allies, you can become a sustainer, join our listserv, donate, and show up to our events to support our work.

Membership with JMC will include the following:

- Access to monthly membership only meetings, training(s), and workshops
- A political home to plug into local campaigns and broader social justice efforts, including organizing, advocacy, and civic engagement
- A space to access broader JMC networks and resources, including our monthly HEAL circles with our in-house Chaplain
- Build community and find comrades who are committed to dismantling Islamophobia and interconnected systems of oppression
- Opportunities to grow in your activism, organizing, and advocacy skills
WHY?

Twenty years have passed since the War on Terror was officially launched. While institutionalized Islamophobia isn’t new, and Muslims have experienced violence since the inception of the American project, 9/11 was a turning point for our communities.

In the past twenty years, at least 1 million Muslims and people perceived to be Muslim have been killed due to the War on Terror. In the past twenty years, we have seen the passage of the PATRIOT Act, the expansion of mass surveillance, militarized policing, Muslim registries like NSEERS, the FBI’s watchlist and databases, Guantanamo Bay and CMUs, the Muslim Ban, and the build-up of an entire apparatus of institutions like Department of Homeland Security that has wreaked havoc on Muslim communities and beyond. At this twenty-year mark, we firmly believe that only through building the power of our people will we be able to address the harms waged on our communities on a global scale. We hope that you will join us as a member of JMC and, if you have the funds, a monthly sustainer as well.

We Are Building Our Own Muslim Abolitionist Future
Abolish the War on Terror. Build Communities of Care.

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THE GOALS OF MEMBERSHIP 2022

1. BUILDING A POLITICAL HOME
   Community Engagement in the DC area, VA (Northern VA), and MD with Muslim communities in order to understand the ways structural Islamophobia impacts Muslim communities.

2. CENTERING
   Base-Building, Leadership Development, and Community-Building with a focus on Muslim women, and a growing emphasis on working-class Black and Brown Muslims in the region who are impacted by structural Islamophobia.

3. MUTUAL AID
   Mutual Aid and direct support for working-class Muslims and workers in the region struggling due to the direct and indirect consequences of the pandemic and existence. Our current mutual aid fund has a strong emphasis on supporting rental relief and housing.

4. TRAINING OUR PEOPLE
   Muslim Women Organizing Institute, Mini Organizing Institutes and a collective Community Retreat.
   We want to invest and build the organizing, advocacy, movement building, and the sharpening of political analysis to recognize the root causes of the systems we exist in. This will be a place for folks to heal, be in community and build a political organizing home together.
Community Level

- Attends JMC Events
- Access to Resources pertaining to our different programming areas.
- An opportunity to plug into JMC campaigns and organizing efforts
- Exclusive Membership Newsletter
- Resources/Bimonthly Membership Meetings to plug into building community
- Newsletter Access - including specifically for JMC Members
- A local political community to connect with and exclusive member-only community-building events and training(s)

Leader Level

- Our member leaders are Muslim.
- Works with Co-Director leading the power-building work to support the implementation of projects
- If impacted, serves as a spokesperson for JMC on issues
- Develop leadership of members
- Share stories of how issues impact Muslims locally
- Monthly meetings with members
- Leadership Meetings
- Potential Retreats
- Support with Training Institutes
- Working Groups

Membership Structured Tiers
What have we Accomplished?

1. We have fundraised at least $1.3 million in 4 years.

2. Civic Engagement: We called almost 90,000 homes between August - Election Day.

3. COVID19 Mutual Aid we fundraised and distributed $200,000 directly to community members.

4. Our SARRI team conducted outreach to over 300 SA businesses in DMV & created a vocal history walking food tour!

5. Nationally we co-anchor the Partnership to End Gendered Islamophobia Network & co-launched the Muslim Abolitionist Futures resource and policy agenda calling for investment into communities of care and divestment from the Global War on Terror.
COMMUNITY GUIDELINES

DO NOT QUESTION OTHERS' PAIN

BE OPEN AND RECEPTIVE

NO "CULTURAL GATEKEEPING"

WELCOMING OUR MULTIPLE INTERSECTING IDENTITIES

BE FORGIVING AND ALLOW SPACE FOR GROWTH

MAINTAIN CONFIDENTIALITY

WHAT IS SAID HERE, STAYS HERE

WHAT IS LEARNED HERE, LEAVES HERE

ACCOUNTABILITY BASED ON AND ROOTED IN MUTUAL RESPECT

"MOVE IN / MOVE OUT" (HOLD FACILITATOR AND OTHERS ACCOUNTABLE TO ENSURE THIS)

ALLOW YOURSELF TO SIT WITH AND EXPERIENCE DISCOMFORT

ALLOW EVERYONE TO FEEL VULNERABLE