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#MyMuslimVote Khutba Day

Friday, 10/7/16

Khutba Talking Points

Assalaamu Alaykum:

As we come upon state deadlines for registering to vote before the November 8th election, Rock the Muslim Vote, the #MyMuslimVote campaign, and Muslim organizations across the country have launched a nationwide day of action on Friday, October 7th.

We request that all khateeb focus their October 7th khutba on the topic of civic engagement and include the following points about the importance voting in the upcoming presidential election on November 8th:

1. As citizens of this country and this state, who pay taxes and contribute in other ways to the country and community we live in, it is imperative that we make use of a right that others have given their lives for, both here and around the world.
2. The upcoming election is critical for Muslims in America, given that Islamophobia and other forms of racism and prejudice have been a central focus for many candidates and has served to mobilize those who support such views.
3. This election will determine the future of our children as Muslims in America; a vote for candidates who speak out against Islamophobia is a vote that challenges this racist rhetoric per the prophetic responsibility of *amr bil ma'rouf wal naahee 'an al munkar* (the obligation to enjoin the good and forbid the evil.)
4. There are many other important ethical issues at stake in this election, including income inequality, state violence against our Black sisters and brothers, and the very future of our planet, which Islamic teachings clearly emphasize as a religious and moral issue with the numerous Qur'anic verses and hadith emphasizing the importance of acting as good stewards and khulafa (vicegerents) on this earth.

At the conclusion of the khutbah, please mention that October 7th has been designated as a national day of action for registering Muslim voters. Muslim activists and leaders across the country have been organizing in the hopes of registering as many Muslim voters as possible before respective state deadlines so that we have an unprecedented national Muslim voter turnout on November 8th, God-willing. We encourage you to close your khutba with something like, "**If you are not registered to vote, I urge you to do so today. It takes only two minutes to register. You can do so by visiting mymuslimvote.org or with one of the volunteers you might find outside before leaving. If you are**



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registered to vote, reach out to your family and friends and make sure they are registered to vote as well. We need you to help make this day a success."

We have also provided a [sample khutba](#) that can be used as a template for including some of the points above, as well as making the case for the importance and permissibility of voting.

Please remember that this campaign is not endorsing, supporting, or opposing any specific candidates, just generally urging Muslims to vote up and down the ballot.