

## Coastside Democrats Survey, Central Committee Candidates

### Ahmed Mostafa

Please state how long you have been registered to vote as a Democrat. \*

- Always been a registered Democrat
- Have been a registered Democrat for the last ten years
- Have been a registered Democrat for the last five years
- Just registered as a Democrat this election cycle

Why are you running to represent Congressional District 16? \*

I'm running for Congress to amplify the voices of those who have been silenced and sidelined. I'm not a career politician. Instead, my career has centered people – whether that's clerking in the Public Defender's Office, supporting survivors of sexual violence at Stanford, or combatting derogatory speech and disinformation at Google.

Our families are facing growing wealth inequality, an affordable housing crisis, outrageous costs for medical care, and the impacts of the climate crisis. These aren't problems of tomorrow that can be pushed aside until 2030 or 2040 – they're problems we must address today.

And as we call for change at home, we must advocate for peace and justice at a global scale. In Gaza, almost 30,000 people have been killed and almost 2 million people have been forcibly displaced. That's why I'm calling for an immediate, permanent ceasefire in Gaza. From Palo Alto, to Half Moon Bay, to Gaza, we must stand up for the dignity and wellbeing of every person.

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What do you see as the major issues on the Coastside? \*

From an affordable housing shortage, to rising costs of living, to an inability to access quality and affordable healthcare, to disparities in education, to severe weather caused by the climate crisis, the major issues facing community members across the Coastside are deeply intertwined with one another.

As our families face the impacts of growing wealth inequality, we must take urgent action to address the most pressing issues our communities are facing. In Congress, I'll fight for Medicare for All, a Green New Deal, solutions to our housing crisis, comprehensive resources for unhoused community members, student debt cancellation, and tuition-free public education for every student. It's time for us to build a human rights economy that works for every person – not just the few and the powerful.

What will your top priorities be if you are elected? \*

My legislative priorities are centered around the belief that every family deserves to live in an equitable society that prioritizes their safety, dignity, and success. Some of my top policy priorities are as follows:

Healthcare & Housing as Human Rights – in Congress, I'll pass legislation to bring affordable housing and comprehensive, accessible, affordable healthcare to all.

Environmental Justice for All – I'll fight for a Green New Deal to tackle the climate crisis with comprehensive solutions that create good-paying clean energy jobs, invest in disproportionately impacted frontline communities, and prioritize the people – not the oil & gas industry.

Safe & Innovative Tech – As we tackle the most pressing challenges of our digital era, it's time for leadership that understands our biggest issues in tech. As a former Global Policy Lead at Google, I'll champion policies to create transparency and accountability in tech while protecting innovation.

Please explain how your background and experience have prepared you for the office you are seeking. \*

My journey has been one of service and advocacy—from my days as Student Body President, where I led the charge in registering student voters, to my time teaching in inner-city schools, advocating for marginalized students. My commitment to justice and equality continued as I clerked with the Public Defender, fighting for our most vulnerable community members.

My passion for protecting and empowering individuals led me to found The Survivors Pro Bono, an organization dedicated to supporting and uplifting survivors of sexual violence. And at Google, I tackled misinformation, derogatory content, and our biggest challenges in technology.

My career isn't about climbing the political ladder, but about meaningful, tangible service to our community. It's about real change, real impact, and putting people first—always. I'm ready to bring this dedication to Congress to build a future that advances the dignity and wellbeing of every person.

Have you ever run for political office, served on a political committee, or been identified publicly with a political organization, candidate, ballot measure or issue? If so, please provide the details of your involvement. \*

As Student Body President and Vice President of two student bodies, I registered the most students to vote in the entire nation and leveraged it to lobby for the California Dream Act; to hold legislators accountable against cutting student fees, and successfully lobbied the Speaker of the California State Assembly to draft the Middle Class Scholarship Act (2012) which would have lowered tuition at the University of California and the California State University by 75%.