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Dallas County District 2 Candidate Barry Wernick Exposes Andy Sommerman's Scheme to Turn 3 Mosques into Polling Locations for Political Advantage

One Mosque Vote Center Later Allowed Event for Radicals Who Hate America

Dallas, Texas — Dallas County District 2 Commissioners Court candidate Barry Wernick today exposed how Democratic incumbent Andy Sommerman used the power of his office to convert three mosques into permanent polling locations for clear partisan advantage, helping himself and other Democratic candidates politically.

Wernick, the Republican nominee for District 2, said voters should be outraged.

Wernick revealed that four mosques in Dallas County are now official vote centers. While the Islamic Center of Irving was only recently designated for the first time in 2026, Sommerman has publicly taken credit for establishing the other three:

- Islamic Association of North Texas (IANT) in Richardson
- Makkah Masjid IDEA in Garland
- Madinah Masjid of Carrollton

"Polling locations should be chosen for convenience, accessibility, and impartiality — not turned into political weapons," Wernick said. "The record shows Sommerman muscled these changes through to aid his re-election by shifting polling locations to mosques affiliated with groups that reject Texas and American values."

Shortly after taking office, Sommerman pressed the Dallas County Elections Department to open vote centers at mosques. By March 2023 he bragged in a [social media post](#) that he had arranged for IANT to become "Dallas County's first mosque to be designated a permanent polling location." The Garland and Carrollton locations followed, and all three served as polls in the November 2024 general election.

In [videos](#) to Democratic audiences, Sommerman later admitted the real purpose. He said placing polls at mosques "gives to the Muslim community a certain amount of power." In an [August 2025 video](#), he crowed that mosque voters delivered the margin of victory in a close Fifth Court of Appeals race: "Almost every one of these new voters voted Democrat... those mosques and those new voters were the difference in making sure that Tina Clinton was elected."

Worse still, Sommerman is now actively campaigning and fundraising by bragging about the mosque polling locations he helped create. What should have been a neutral election decision has become a partisan accomplishment he is monetizing for his re-election.

"This is not about access. This is about manufacturing a reliable bloc of votes for himself and his party," Wernick said. "It's a disgraceful abuse of official power."

Even more alarming, IANT, one of the mosques Sommerman helped establish as a permanent polling location, later hosted an event titled "From Marxism to Islam: The Revolutionary Road to Allah." It was sponsored by the Islamic Circle of North America (ICNA) Dallas which according to the Investigative Project on Terrorism has been part of the Grand Islamist Alliance, a network of Islamist groups with ties to terrorism.

The [event](#) featured former Marxists who are now radical Muslims and openly despise the laws and culture of Texas and the United States, including a former Black Panther and convicted bank robber who served 22 years in prison and now acts as an imam.

In his own words at the event, the speaker is on [video](#) declaring:

- Islam and Western civilization cannot coexist — "Two hurricanes can't blow at the same time."
- Muslims are only permitted to live in America if their intention is to conquer it ideologically; assimilation is forbidden.
- Muslims form a "standing army" greater and more unified than any Marxist organization.
- The goal is to establish Islamic rule (the Deen) in place of the current system.

"Sommerman used his office to turn these institutions into vote centers for political gain, then stayed silent when one of them platformed people who openly reject American and Texas values," Wernick said. "The Muslim activists at this IANT event personify the convergence of revolutionary Marxism and radical Islamic ideologies with the ultimate purpose of incrementally destroying American law and values. District 2 cannot afford a commissioner who plays this dangerous game."

This pattern of amplifying radical voices extends beyond the polling locations. Sommerman has also used his official, taxpayer-funded Commissioner's [newsletter](#) to promote material from the Freedom Road Socialist Organization's publication Fight Back! News — a Marxist-Leninist outlet that openly calls for the destruction of the current American system.

Wernick demanded that Sommerman apologize to District 2 voters and called on the Dallas County Elections Department to immediately discontinue the use of these locations as vote centers. He further stated that Dallas County must update its official communications policies to stop the amplification of radical material on county platforms.

"Our elections must be fair and impartial. Sommerman's actions are the opposite," Wernick said. "Voters deserve a watchdog who will protect the integrity of our elections — not exploit them."

About Barry Wernick

Barry Wernick is the Republican nominee for Dallas County Commissioner, District 2. A lifelong Dallas resident, attorney, mediator, and arbitrator, he is running to bring transparency, accountability, and independent oversight to the Commissioners Court. Learn more at wernickfortexas.com.