



Important Campaign Update

Dear supporter,

I want to give you an important update on my campaign for Irvine City Council.

In the fall of 2023, I entered the race for Irvine City Council because as an Irvine-raised practicing physician, I wanted to advance city wellness for everyone. I would like to bridge the gap between what research tells us makes a healthier community and what is actually prioritized in city policy. As an American Canadian woman with Arab and Iranian heritage, I wanted to help bring people together, and push for a more sustainable, inclusive, and thriving city.

Throughout this campaign, I and the rest of my amazing team achieved significant milestones. We connected with health clinics, school board members, food bank board members, local Muslim, Christian, Jewish faith communities, teachers and school professionals. I also met with labor union leaders, Irvine chamber of commerce leaders, housing groups, Democratic Party leaders, and many City and State elected officials. I was proud to be endorsed by groups like Sunrise Orange County and OC Action an AAPI-Latinx-Labor-Environmental Justice Alliance, as well as receive endorsements from civic leaders. We loved hosting community events such as health and wellness sessions at Irvine parks that brought our neighborhoods together— strengthening our collective vision for Irvine.

However, it's with a heavy heart that after much reflection and careful consideration, I made the very difficult decision to suspend my campaign for Irvine City Council, District 1. This decision was not made lightly.

I encountered unforeseen challenges that I could not have anticipated when I first entered this race. These challenges demand my full attention and energy, making it impossible to dedicate the commitment and excellence needed to continue this campaign and serve the people of Irvine on City Council. My commitment to city unity and progress remains steadfast. I am suspending my campaign, but I am not suspending my commitment to the causes and values that motivated me to run. I will use this momentum to continue and stay involved in advancing a healthier, more connected Irvine.

I am immensely grateful to all of you who supported this campaign with your time, energy and resources. (Donations—investments--were refunded. I take investments in my community-advancement efforts very seriously. I got a lot done over 8months of campaigning, and did my best to refund as much as possible when I could not complete the effort.) Your belief in our shared vision has been truly inspiring. Although I am stepping back from this race, I am not stepping away from my commitment to serve our community.

Thank you for your understanding, your support, and your continued dedication to making Irvine a better place for all.

Sincerely,

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