# **IACC Elections 2024**

### Qazi Osama Biography



#### About Me

Assaslamualykum Dear Respected Community Members,

All praise belongs to Allah (SWT). My name is Osama Qazi and I was raised up in the Suburbs of Chicago since I was 2 years old and 3 years ago I moved to Plano with my wife and 2 sons aged 9 and 6. I have been involved in 5 Masajid's in my life including IACC. Alhamdulillah Allah (SWT) has blessed me to experience all sizes of Masajid's.

At IACC, since 2020, I have been blessed to be the Vice Principal of our Sunday school and the operations team. With over 90 teachers and over 460 Students, I am well aware of how difficult it is run a volunteer organization. By the Grace of Allah (SWT), IACC Sunday school was functional during the pandemic and we were only down for 2 weeks to switch over to Virtual. Allah (SWT) has blessed this community with so many dedicated volunteers, Alhamdulillah.

## What do you think are the two most important issues facing this community and how do you propose to address with them?

The biggest issue I see is that the funds of IACC are not being used wisely. If I am elected, I will speak up and make sure we use the funds wisely insha Allah.

Secondly, I would like to focus on the youth, especially the elementary school ages. We need to have a playground and other programs for them. Our gym is there for the older kids but nothing is there for the younger kids.

### What do you consider are your strengths that can help you get elected?

My experience with Sunday school, operations team and other Masjid's are a big strength for me. Alhamdulillah I am able to work and communicate with others who are more senior or junior than me.

### How do you propose to help the IACC community?

I would like to create an environment to allow the community to feel a sense of belonging. I would also like to empower the youth to have more leadership positions in the departments of the masjid. Also I would like to make IACC less dependent on donations.