Official acts

49 acts by 28 officials and public bodies, by institution.

Updated November 15, 2026. See Corrections.

Islamic House of Wisdom

March 30, 2023

Abdullah Hammoud, Mayor of Dearborn

Attended the Ramadan iftar dinner sponsored by Islamic House of Wisdom

IHW Board Chairman Dr. Firas Hamadeh and Mayor Bill Bazzi welcomed the crowd, which also included the Rev. Wendell Anthony of the Detroit NAACP, Dearborn Mayor Abdullah Hammoud, and several other elected officials and religious leaders.

SOURCE

"Lt. Governor, Other Dignitaries Attend Ramadan Iftar Dinner at Islamic House of Wisdom," *The News Herald*, April 3, 2023

March 30, 2023

Garlin Gilchrist II, Lieutenant Governor of Michigan

Presented a proclamation to the Islamic House of Wisdom

At the conclusion of his remarks, Lt. Gov. Garlin Gilchrist presented Imam Mohammad Ali Elahi and leaders of the Islamic House of Wisdom a proclamation for its 28 years of service to the community.

SOURCE

"Lt. Governor, Other Dignitaries Attend Ramadan Iftar Dinner at Islamic House of Wisdom," *Press & Guide*, April 3, 2023

March 30, 2023

Bill Bazzi, Mayor of Dearborn Heights

Attended and welcomed guests at the Islamic House of Wisdom's Ramadan iftar dinner

Dearborn Heights Mayor Bill Bazzi welcomed guests to the Ramadan iftar dinner at the Bellagio Banquet Center.

SOURCE

"Lt. Governor, Other Dignitaries Attend Ramadan Iftar Dinner at Islamic House of Wisdom," *Press & Guide*, April 3, 2023

April 25, 2019

Daniel S. Paletko, Mayor of Dearborn Heights

Spoke about building a world of lasting peace at an awards banquet given by the Islamic House of Wisdom

For this occasion, a diverse group of local and international peace advocates -- including Hon. Daniel S. Paletko, the mayor of Dearborn Heights, and Hon. Sam Beydon, the Wayne County commissioner - spoke about building a world of lasting peace, family by family, and community by community.

SOURCES

"UPF's Leaders Thomas Walsh and Michael Jenkins Honored at Interfaith Banquet," Universal Peace Federation, April 25, 2019; "Islamic House of Wisdom Honors Interfaith Leaders at Semi-Annual Fundraising Dinner," *The Arab American News*, April 26, 2019

April 25, 2019

Sam Baydoun, Wayne County Commissioner

Gave a brief speech at the Islamic House of Wisdom's semi-annual fundraising dinner

Dearborn Heights Mayor Daniel S. Paletko and Wayne County Commissioner Sam Beydoun each gave brief speeches.

SOURCES

"Islamic House of Wisdom Honors Interfaith Leaders at Semi-Annual Fundraising Dinner," *The Arab American News*, April 26, 2019; "UPF's Leaders Thomas Walsh

and Michael Jenkins Honored at Interfaith Banquet," Universal Peace Federation, April 25, 2019

February 1, 2017

Jack O'Reilly Jr., Mayor of Dearborn

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July 1, 2015

Paul Abbate, Head of the FBI Office in Detroit

Attended and spoke at the Islamic House of Wisdom's interfaith Ramadan dinner

The head of the FBI office in Detroit, Paul Abbate, also attended the Wednesday dinner, speaking to the crowd before the dinner, as did Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, and Islamic leaders.

SOURCE

"Interfaith Ramadan Dinners Seek to Promote Unity," *Detroit Free Press*, July 5, 2015

January 18, 2015

Jack O'Reilly Jr., Mayor of Dearborn

Attended the MLK observance event at the Islamic House of Wisdom

Dearborn and Dearborn Heights mayors Jack O'Reilly and Dan Paletko were in attendance, with O'Reilly speaking on the many similarities people share, but with most only willing to point out the differences.

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January 9, 2015

David Knezek, State Senator

Attended a town hall meeting at the Islamic House of Wisdom

(L-R) School administrator Nawal Hamade; State Sen. David Knezek; AACC executive director Fay Baydoun; Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan; Imam Mohamad Ali Elahi, and Dearborn Mayor Jack O'Reilly Jr. among others, pose for a group photo at the Islamic House of Wisdom, Jan. 9.

SOURCE

"Duggan Reaches Out to the Arab Community at the Islamic House of Wisdom,"
The Arab American News, January 16, 2015

January 9, 2015

Mike Duggan, Mayor of Detroit

Held a town hall meeting at the Islamic House of Wisdom, inviting Arab Americans to live in Detroit and open businesses

In a town hall meeting at the Islamic House of Wisdom in Dearborn Heights on Friday, Jan. 9, Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan invited Arab Americans to live in the city and open businesses there.

SOURCE

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The Arab American News, January 16, 2015

January 9, 2015

Jack O'Reilly Jr., Mayor of Dearborn

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Dearborn mayor Jack O'Reilly Jr., Muslim scholars, community activists and state legislators attended the event, which was organized by the American Arab Chamber of Commerce (AACC) and the Detroit Department of Neighborhoods.

SOURCE

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The Arab American News, January 16, 2015

November 16, 2014

Daniel S. Paletko, Mayor of Dearborn Heights

Attended a fundraising dinner at the Islamic House of Wisdom

Those in attendance included Dearborn Heights Mayor Daniel Paletko, Wayne Mayor Al Haidous, Consul General of Lebanon Bilal Qabalan, and The Arab American News Publisher Osama Siblani.

SOURCE

"Islamic House of Wisdom Honors Four Community Leaders at Fundraiser," *The Arab American News*, November 21, 2014

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Al Haidous, Mayor of Wayne

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September 6, 2013

John Dingell, U.S. Representative

Joined a group of religious and community leaders at the Islamic House of Wisdom in Dearborn Heights, to listen to their views on President Obama's position on Syria

Last Friday, September 6, Congressman John Dingell, who represents Michigan's 12th congressional district, joined a group of religious and community leaders at the Islamic House of Wisdom in Dearborn Heights, to listen to their views on President Obama's position on Syria.

SOURCE

"Congressman Dingell Meets with Community to Discuss Syria Crisis," *The Arab American News*, September 13, 2013

July 24, 2013

Sam Salamey, 19th District Court Judge

Attended the Islamic House of Wisdom's Ramadan iftar dinner

Attendees included 19th District Court Judge Sam Salamey, Dearborn Police Chief Ron Haddad, Third Circuit Cour Judge Chris Dingell and Dearborn Mayor Jack O'Reilly.

SOURCE

"Islamic House of Wisdom Holds Ramadan Iftar Dinner," *The Arab American News*, July 26, 2013

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Ron Haddad, Dearborn Police Chief

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May 3, 2013

Daniel S. Paletko, Mayor of Dearborn Heights

Recognized the IHW as a leader in the community through its continued efforts to foster interfaith cooperation and dialogue

Mayor Paletko also encouraged community members to get involved as well and went on to recognize the IHW as a leader in the community through its continued efforts to foster interfaith cooperation and dialogue.

SOURCE

"Islamic House of Wisdom Holds Fundraiser, Recognizes Local Leaders," *The Arab American News*, May 3, 2013

August 4, 2012

Daniel S. Paletko, Mayor of Dearborn Heights

Gave a brief speech at the Islamic House of Wisdom's interfaith iftar dinner, recognizing the mosque's continuous efforts

Mayor Dan Paletko of Dearborn Heights also gave a brief speech, recognizing the mosque's continuous efforts.

SOURCE

"Local Mosque Fights Islamophobia with Interfaith Dialogue during Ramadan," *The Arab American News*, August 10, 2012

September 17, 2005

Carol Jenifer, Director, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Participated in a community town hall meeting at the Islamic House of Wisdom

Ali Elahi was joined by several other representatives from state and federal government, including Carol Jenifer, director of U.S. citizenship and immigration services; Dan Roberts, special agent in charge of the FBI in Detroit; Stephen Murphy, U.S. attorney of Michigan's eastern district; State Rep. John Conyers; Brian Moskowitz, special agent in charge-U.S. immigration and customs enforcement; and Capt. Lee Gavin of the Dearborn Heights Police Department.

SOURCE

"Arab-Americans Meet with FBI to Discuss Fears," *The News Herald*, September 20, 2005

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Dan Roberts, Special Agent in Charge, FBI Detroit

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Lee Gavin, Captain, Dearborn Heights Police Department

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Islamic Organization of North America

August 24, 2022

James R. Fouts, Mayor of Warren

Cut the ceremonial ribbon and delivered a few remarks of support at IONA's soup kitchen ribbon-cutting ceremony

City of Warren mayor, Jim Fouts, cut the ceremonial ribbon and delivered a few remarks of support for IONA's work in providing hot

food for those in need in our area.

SOURCE

"IONA Launches the First Muslim Soup Kitchen in Macomb County," Islamic Organization of North America

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September 11, 2011

James R. Fouts, Mayor of Warren

Commemorated the 10th anniversary of 9/11 alongside IONA's Ameer

On September 11, 2011, IONA's Ameer, Imam Mustapha Elturk, stood alongside Warren Mayor James R. Fouts and Rev. Michail Curro (Executive Director of the Interfaith Center for Racial Justice (ICRJ)), along with several local police and fire department officials to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the tragic events that took place on September 11, 2001.

SOURCE

"IONA Commemorates 10th Anniversary of 9/11 at Warren Civic Center," Islamic Organization of North America, September 12, 2011

September 20, 2010

James R. Fouts, Mayor of Warren

Attended a celebration of a city resolution at an Islamic center

The celebration was attended by the City of Warren Mayor James R. Fouts, several City Council members, and religious and community leaders from the Christian and Muslim faiths.

SOURCE

"Celebrating the Resolution," Islamic Organization of North America, September 21, 2010

May 15, 2010

James R. Fouts, Mayor of Warren

Visited the Islamic Organization of North America (IONA) mosque for its second annual open house

Mayor James Fouts visited Elturk and the mosque Saturday afternoon.

SOURCE

"Warren Mosque Looking to Expand," Islamic Organization of North America, May 17, 2010

May 15, 2010

Dave Richards, Warren City Attorney

Attended the open house at the IONA mosque

City Attorney Dave Richards also attended the open house with his adult son on Elturk's invitation.

SOURCE

"Warren Mosque Looking to Expand," Islamic Organization of North America, May 17, 2010

Islamic Institute of America

September 9, 2022

Bill Bazzi, Mayor of Dearborn Heights

Attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the Islamic Institute of America's new location

Flanked by Dearborn Heights Mayor Bill Bazzi, Dearborn Mayor Abdullah Hammoud and other officials, Al-Qazwini stood at the site holding a shovel in a symbolic ceremony for the beginning of construction in a project Al-Qazwini estimated to cost $8 million to $10 million.

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"Megachurch Now a Mosque as Number of Islamic Centers Grows in Michigan," *Detroit Free Press*, September 15, 2022

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March 13, 2022

Gretchen Whitmer, Governor of Michigan

Spoke at the Islamic Institute of America's annual fundraising dinner

The event saw special guest speakers, including Governor Whitmer and U.S. Rep. Rashida Tlaib (D-Detroit).

SOURCE

"Islamic Institute of America Holds Fundraiser, Announces Move to Major New Facilities Are in the Works," *The Arab American News*, March 18, 2022

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Rashida Tlaib, U.S. Representative

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Islamic Center of Detroit

December 31, 2025

Garlin Gilchrist II, Lieutenant Governor of Michigan

Presented a special 25th anniversary tribute to the Islamic Center of Detroit

The Islamic Center of Detroit (ICD) are honored to receive a special 25th anniversary tribute from Lieutenant Governor Garlin Gilchrist II and the State of Michigan

SOURCE

Islamic Center of Detroit, LinkedIn post, December 31, 2025

December 2, 2025

Wayne County Commission

Testimonial resolution by Commissioner Alisha R. Bell, the commission's chair, honoring the Islamic Center of Detroit's 25th anniversary (agenda item)

By Commissioner Bell honoring the Islamic Center of Detroit, in recognition of its 25th anniversary celebration to be held December 5, 2025

SOURCE

Wayne County Commission, full commission agenda, December 2, 2025

May 2019

Mike Duggan, Mayor of Detroit

Attended an iftar banquet at the Islamic Center of Detroit; the center had announced an iftar with the mayor for May 8

One of the ICD iftars was attended by Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan and various key officials.

SOURCES

"Detroit's Islamic Center Organizes 'Iftar Tent' to Offer Free Meals," *Arab News*, May 25, 2019; "Islamic Center of Detroit Adds Special Iftars to Its Daily Lineup for Ramadan 2019," PR Newswire, May 3, 2019

Islamic Association of Greater Detroit

March 2, 2024

Garlin Gilchrist II, Lieutenant Governor of Michigan

Visited the newly expanded mosque

Co-founder Dr. Ghaus Malik, left, points up at a chandelier as he stands next to Lt. Gov. Garlin Gilchrist II inside the Islamic Association of Greater Detroit's (IAGD) newly expanded mosque in Rochester Hills on Saturday, March 2, 2024.

SOURCE

"At Oakland County Mosque, $20-Million Expansion Signals Growth, Faith," *Detroit Free Press*, March 10, 2024

March 2, 2024

Mike Duggan, Mayor of Detroit

Attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the mosque's expansion

People greet the City of Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan during a ribbon-cutting ceremony inside the Islamic Association of Greater Detroit's (IAGD) newly expanded mosque in Rochester Hills on Saturday, March 2, 2024.

SOURCE

"At Oakland County Mosque, $20-Million Expansion Signals Growth, Faith," *Detroit Free Press*, March 10, 2024

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April 21, 2011

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Islamic Center of East Lansing

March 5, 2024

East Lansing City Council

Passed a resolution honoring Ramadan that commends the work of the Islamic Center of East Lansing

WHEREAS, the East Lansing City Council acknowledges and appreciates the important meaningful and transformational work of the Islamic Center of East Lansing in promoting brotherhood, unity, and cultural education

SOURCES

"Resolution Honoring the Holy Month of Ramadan in the City of East Lansing," City of East Lansing, March 5, 2024; "East Lansing City Council Passes Resolution to Honor Ramadan in Solidarity with Muslim Community," Spartan Newsroom, Michigan State University, April 2024

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American Muslim Diversity Association

September 15, 2012

Richard Notte, Mayor of Sterling Heights

Spoke at the groundbreaking ceremony for the association's new mosque

Mr. Richard Notte, the Honorable Mayor of the City of Sterling Heights, spoke about the diversity in his City and characterized the city as the melting pot of the world.

SOURCE

"Report: AMDA's New Mosque," Lena F. Masri, September 21, 2012

American Moslem Society

April 18, 2019

Wayne County Commission

Testimonial resolution by Commissioner Sam Baydoun honoring the American Moslem Society's 80th anniversary

By Commissioner Baydoun honoring the American Moslem Society upon the celebration of its 80th anniversary

SOURCE

Wayne County Commission, journal of the full commission, April 18, 2019

American Islamic Community Center

June 15, 2021

Michael V. Radtke Jr., Sterling Heights City Councilman

Reported attending the American Islamic Community Center's annual fundraising dinner

Councilman Radtke stated he went to the annual fundraising dinner for the AICC (American Islamic Community Center) in Sterling Heights

SOURCE

City of Sterling Heights, City Council meeting minutes, June 15, 2021
