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## Need your response for 'Hindu Voters' Guide for upcoming 2020 election

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Thu, Oct 1, 2020 at 10:19 PM

To: Jayant Somani <jsomani@yahoo.com>

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Dear Jayant and team

Thanks so much for reaching out.

Here are my responses.

Pardon the brevity as we are in the final stretch towards a solid win that we are pushing for.

I invite your team to support this run.

1. Will you protect Hindu American constitutional and civil rights; honor the contribution of Hindu American communities across America; and create a safe environment for their growth and prosperity.

**YES**

2. Will you ensure that the Homeland Security, Justice Department, and the FBI will work closely with the Hindu Mandirs (Temples) and other organizations to ensure that they are provided protection against hate crime and discrimination?

**YES**

3. As a Congressman/Congresswoman, will you support legislations that:

1. To consult practitioners of Hindu faith to develop guidelines related to accommodation of Hindus in workplaces, educational institutions, hospitals, prisons etc.? **YES**

2. Ensure that the textbooks and instructional materials that promote Hinduphobia and reflect misrepresentation of Hindu dharma (faith) in school textbooks are removed. **YES**

3. Defund Universities and colleges that continue to institutionalize Hindupobic teachings **YES**

4. Over 80% of high skilled immigrants who are eligible for Green Card are Hindus. What are your views on extended delays in Green Card processing times (often more than 20 years) for these legal immigrants?

**YES, this issue has been a policy item since we announced our run. I support H.R 1044.**

### Global Hindu Issues:

1. Will you promote equal rights and security for Dharmic communities (Hindu, Sikh, Jain, Buddhist) in Afghanistan, Pakistan and Bangladesh?

**YES**

2. The United States has a long tradition of offering hope and safe haven to refugees and to those seeking asylum. Will you give persecuted followers of Dharmic faiths who are minorities in these countries, asylum

under the “emergency refugee protection” program?

3. **YES**

3. Will you refrain from interfering in the internal affairs of a fellow democracy like India that seeks to give asylum to religious minorities that are legally or constitutionally persecuted in theoretic countries in the region



**YES**

4. Will you promote stronger relations with India and support India’s role in a new vision for the Indo-Pacific, to counter-terrorism and advance our shared security and economic interests in the region?

**YES**

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Warm Regards,

 Campaign Team for Rishi Kumar 

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On Oct 1, 2020, at 8:30 PM, Jayant Somani <[jsomani@yahoo.com](mailto:jsomani@yahoo.com)> wrote:

Respected Mr. Kumar,

My name is Jayant Somani, I am a resident of Saratoga, community organizer and a volunteer at Hindu Policy Research and Advocacy Collective USA (HinduPACT USA). HinduPACT USA is preparing the 2020 Hindu Voters' Guide. The 2020 Hindu Voters' Guide will help the voters determine the compatibility of the candidates with universal Hindu values and the candidate's views on issues that are important to American Hindus. We intend to publish these answers as voters' guide for the Hindu community. The 2020 Hindu Voters' Guide is intended for information and educational purposes, and, consistent with our 501(c)3 status will not be endorsing any candidate.

As a candidate for US Congress, we are certain that you will protect the constitutional and civil rights of American Hindus; honor the contribution of Hindu American communities across America; and create a safe environment for their growth and prosperity. In addition, we seek your responses to the domestic and international issues

in the attached document. We would appreciate it if you can send your response by 6 October 2020.

Please note that this questionnaire is being sent to all the major Congressional candidates. We will post the response from the candidates to our questions at our website. If we do not receive the responses; we will indicate as such on our website ([hinduvote.org](http://hinduvote.org)).

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Jayant Somani

<Cover Letter Questionnaire for US House of Representative 2020 - RK.docx - Google Docs.pdf>