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Anuj,

Thank You....below are my response. Also please watch my interview: https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=820310432042264

Domestic Issues
1. 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?

1. Ritesh Tandon - Yes

2. As an elected representative, will you:
a. Consult practitioners of Hindu faith to develop guidelines related to accommodation of Hindus in workplaces, educational institutions, hospitals, prisons etc.?

Ritesh Tandon - Yes

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

Ritesh Tandon - We need to review textbooks and fix the same. Very sad to see that Sacramento is not able to fix all Hindu books. All these books need to be reviewed by Hindu scholars and not anyone.

c. Defund Universities and colleges that continue to institutionalize Hindupobic teachings?
Ritesh Tandon - No

3. 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?

Ritesh Tandon - This is racial discrimination from day one. H1b worker is for the job and the growth of companies. When any work comes from the UK or Europe, they have green cards in six months, but for Indians, it is 14-20 years. Not fair. We need to be treated equally from day one, and H1b needs not to be part of the country quota limit. Country quota limit needs to be removed, and the immigration process needs to be reform, with the help of people who understand pain. It took me 12 years to get a green card; I know the immigrants' problem and work to fix them.

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

Ritesh Tandon - Big time, Fix what is happening today with minorities.

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?

Ritesh Tandon - Yes

3. Will you refrain from interfering in the internal affairs of fellow democracies like India that

seeks to give asylum to religious minorities that are legally or constitutionally persecuted in
theocratic countries in the region?

Ritesh Tandon - Yes. Any decision made by a country/elected official is for benefit of the country. No one has any right
to interfere in NRC/CAA/370. All such interference needs to be stopped.

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?

Ritesh Tandon - Yes

Thank you

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