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# Guide to Elections 2024 for Temples and Organizations

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# Why HinduPACT's HinduVote Initiative Matters

Today, Hindus form a significant demographic in the United States. This population encompasses not only individuals from India but also the broader Hindu diaspora, including people from countries as diverse as Bali, Ghana, Vietnam, Surinam, and the Caribbean. Additionally, many individuals have adopted Hindu practices, further expanding this community. In key battleground states for the Presidential election, such as Florida, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Arizona, Ohio, and Virginia, the Hindu population often exceeds the margin of victory for candidates. Therefore, Hindu issues should be of interest to candidates across the political spectrum.

Hindu issues are neither coercive nor threatening. We believe that addressing these issues will make the United States a better country for all its citizens. Our teachings from the shastras, summarized in three mahavakyas or great sentences, encapsulate the values we wish to share with America:

1. ***Ekam Sataha Vipraha Bahudha Vadanti*** – The Truth is One; the Seers Perceive it in Different Forms.
2. ***Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam*** – The Entire Universe is One Family.
3. ***Sarve Bhavantu Sukhinaha*** – Let Everyone be Happy and Prosper Together.

We are not here to claim superiority but to offer these dharmic principles that we believe can create a righteous and harmonious society. We do not expect everyone to become Hindu or adopt these principles solely to appease Hindus. Instead, we advocate for these principles because they can help America become a better place for everyone.

All our issues and programs are guided by these principles. For instance, we advocate for human rights as an electoral issue, whether it concerns rights within the United States or the plight of innocent girls in Pakistan who are abducted, forcibly converted, trafficked, and married off to much older men.

Our scriptures, such as the Ramayana and Mahabharata, compel us to seek the victory of good over evil, and we believe American foreign policy should reflect this. Therefore, we support candidates who stand against terrorism.



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We oppose dividing people based on caste, race, or other outward characteristics and advocate for equal and fair treatment. We support a merit-based educational system for the benefit of society. Our quest for a saatvik lifestyle leads us to seek candidates who oppose illicit drugs. Candidates seeking the Hindu vote must also recognize the rise of Hindu hatred in the US. Hindus have faced harassment, physical attacks, vandalism of temples, and destruction of Mahatma Gandhi statues. In a law-abiding society, such acts cannot be tolerated. Candidates must commit to allocating federal and state resources to ensure that the full force of the law addresses violent Hindu hatred in public spaces.

That is why we have HinduVote initiative. HinduVote is a movement for voter education and voter empowerment. We help register voters, provide dharma-centric educational material to voters and candidates.



# HinduVote Activities

## Voter Registration

Many Hindus are first generation voters. HinduVote voter registration efforts ensure that Hindu voters register and participate in our democratic process at national, state and local levels.



## Tools for Voters

From pledge to vote to links to Voter Registration and locating polling booths, candidate profiles to American Hindu agenda, all the tools in one place!



## Get Out the Vote (GOTV)

Coordinate with temples and other organizations to ensure that Hindus exercise their democratic right to vote in person or mail-in their ballot



## Voter Outreach

Educate voters on issues that impact them in their daily lives. Organize virtual and in-person voter outreach campaigns



## Law Maker/Candidate Awareness

Articulate issues to candidates and elected officials, and seek candidate views on questionnaires, and candidate forums.



## Briefings and Testimonials

Hold briefings and testimonials for legislators and their key staff members. Present testimonies at all levels of the government



## Beyond Hindu Issues

We advocate dharma-based positions on jobs financial security, healthcare, social security, education, abortion, school prayers, gun control, national security etc.



## Hold Feed to Fire

Are the elected officials fulfilling their promises? We track the elected officials to see if they are fulfilling their promises made to the voters



# Rules for NonProfit Organizations Related to Elections

- **Do's:**
- **Voter Education and Registration:**
  - Do conduct voter registration drives:
    - Encourage and assist people to register to vote, ensuring that efforts are nonpartisan and accessible to all eligible voters.
  - Do create and distribute voter guides:
    - Provide nonpartisan guides that present candidates' positions on various issues, ensuring that all candidates are given equal space and presented fairly.
  - Do host candidate forums:
    - Organize forums where all candidates are invited to speak on issues, ensuring equal time and treatment for each candidate.
  - Do educate voters on the electoral process:
    - Offer information about how, where, and when to vote, including details on early voting, absentee ballots, and election day procedures.





- **Get-Out-The-Vote (GOTV) Activities:**

- Do remind and encourage people to vote:
- Engage in activities such as phone banks, door-to-door canvassing, and mailings to remind people to vote, as long as these efforts are nonpartisan.
- Do provide transportation to the polls:
- Offer rides to polling places for voters, ensuring that the service is available to everyone regardless of their political affiliation.

- **Issue Advocacy:**

- Do advocate for issues related to your mission:
  - Continue to promote and advocate for the issues central to your organization's mission, even during election periods, without linking the issues to any candidate or party.
- Do conduct public education campaigns:
  - Educate the public on key issues and encourage civic engagement, ensuring that the messaging does not endorse or oppose any candidate.



- **Permissible Election-Related Activities:**

- Do educate candidates: Inform candidates about your organization's issues without suggesting support or opposition to their campaigns.
- Do engage in legislative advocacy:
  - Advocate for or against legislation, as this is separate from supporting or opposing candidates.
- Do publish neutral, nonpartisan information:
  - Share factual information about the electoral process and issues, making sure not to imply any support for particular candidates.



- **Don'ts:**
  
- **Candidate Endorsements and Contributions:**
  - Don't endorse candidates: Avoid publicly supporting or opposing any candidate for public office.
  - Don't make political contributions:
    - Refrain from donating money, goods, or services to political campaigns or candidates.
  - Don't engage in political fundraising:
    - Avoid organizing or participating in fundraising events for candidates or political parties.
  
- **Partisan Activities:**
  - Don't distribute biased voter guides:
    - Ensure that any voter guides are impartial and do not show favoritism toward any candidate.
  - Don't host candidate events that are partisan:
    - Avoid organizing events that favor one candidate over another, including unequal treatment in invitations or speaking opportunities.
  - Don't participate in activities coordinated with campaigns:
    - Refrain from collaborating with campaign staff or engaging in activities that appear to support a particular candidate.



- **Communication and Publications:**

- Don't issue statements for or against candidates:
  - Avoid making public statements or distributing materials that express support or opposition to any candidate.
- Don't use organizational resources for political purposes:
  - Ensure that no staff time, office space, or other resources are used to benefit a political campaign.

- **Implicit Partisanship:**

- Don't engage in voter suppression:
  - Avoid activities that could be perceived as attempting to discourage or disenfranchise voters based on their likely political preferences.
- Don't use code language or messaging:
  - Steer clear of using language that, while not explicitly partisan, could be interpreted as favoring a particular candidate or party.



# Voter Registration

## Planning and Organizing

- **Set Clear Goals and Objectives:**
  - Determine the number of people you aim to register.
  - Identify target communities, focusing on underrepresented or historically disenfranchised groups.
- **Ensure Nonpartisanship:**
  - Make sure your voter registration efforts are entirely nonpartisan.
  - Do not target or exclude individuals based on their political preferences.
- **Develop a Plan:**
  - Create a timeline for your voter registration campaign, including key dates like voter registration deadlines.
  - Identify and train volunteers to assist with registration efforts.
- **Legal Compliance:**
  - Understand and comply with state-specific voter registration laws and deadlines.
  - Ensure that all voter registration forms and materials are up-to-date and accurate.



- **Outreach and Engagement**

- Community Partnerships:
- Collaborate with local community organizations, schools, and businesses to expand your reach.
- Partner with nonpartisan coalitions that share your commitment to increasing voter participation.

- **Public Events**

- Host or participate in community events, fairs, and festivals to register voters.
- Set up registration booths in high-traffic areas like shopping centers, college campuses, and public transportation hubs.

- **Digital Campaigns:**

- Use social media and your organization's website to promote voter registration.
- Provide online resources and links to state-specific voter registration forms and information.



## Execution

- **Registration Drives:**

- Organize dedicated voter registration drives with clearly marked booths and knowledgeable volunteers.
- Provide all necessary materials, including registration forms, pens, clipboards, and informational brochures.

- **Volunteer Training:**

- Train volunteers on how to fill out registration forms correctly and answer common questions.
- Emphasize the importance of nonpartisanship in all interactions.

- **Accessibility:**

- Ensure that your voter registration efforts are accessible to people with disabilities.
- Provide materials in multiple languages if needed to serve diverse communities.



- **Follow-Up:**

- Collect and review completed registration forms for accuracy before submission.
- Follow up with registrants to confirm their registration status and provide information on upcoming elections.

## Reporting and Evaluation

- **Track Progress:**

- Keep records of the number of people registered and any issues encountered during the registration process.
- Monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of different outreach methods.

- **Feedback and Improvement:**

- Gather feedback from volunteers and registrants to identify areas for improvement.
- Adjust your strategies based on feedback and observed challenges.

- **Compliance Review:**

- Periodically review your voter registration activities to ensure ongoing compliance with nonpartisan guidelines and legal requirements.
- Make necessary adjustments to your approach based on changes in laws or regulations.





# Inviting Political Candidates

## Planning and Preparation

- **Set Clear Objectives:**

- Define the purpose of the event, such as educating the congregation about candidates' positions on issues relevant to the community.
- Ensure the event aligns with the mission and values of the temple.

- **Ensure Nonpartisanship:**

- Plan the event in a manner that does not show preference for any candidate or party.
- Clearly communicate the nonpartisan nature of the event to all participants, including candidates and attendees.

- **Equal Opportunity:**

- Invite all legally qualified candidates for a particular office to speak.
- Provide equal opportunity for each candidate to address the congregation, ensuring equal time and similar speaking conditions.



- **Legal Compliance:**
  - Familiarize yourself with IRS guidelines and state laws regarding political activities in religious institutions.
  - Consult with legal counsel if necessary to ensure compliance.

## Invitations and Communication

- **Invitation Letters**
  - Send formal invitations to all candidates, including details about the event's purpose, format, and rules.
  - Clearly state that the temple does not endorse any candidate and that the event is purely educational.
- **Follow-Up:**
  - Follow up with candidates to confirm their participation and answer any questions they might have.
  - Ensure all communication remains neutral and professional.
- **Promotional Materials:**
  - Promote the event to the congregation and community without indicating any preference for a candidate.
  - Use neutral language in all promotional materials, avoiding any statements that could be perceived as endorsements.



## Event Format and Structure

- **Neutral Moderation:**

- Select a neutral moderator to facilitate the event, ensuring fair and balanced treatment of all candidates.
- The moderator should enforce the rules and keep the discussion focused on issues rather than personal attacks.

- **Event Agenda:**

- Create a structured agenda with equal time allotted to each candidate for their presentations.
- Include a Q&A session where attendees can ask questions in a respectful and impartial manner.

- **Ground Rules:**

- Establish and communicate ground rules for candidates and attendees, emphasizing respect, nonpartisanship, and decorum.
- Ensure that no candidate is given preferential treatment in terms of time, speaking order, or audience interaction.



## Execution and Monitoring

- **Set-Up:**

- Arrange the venue in a way that is conducive to a neutral and respectful exchange of ideas.
- Ensure that the sound system and other technical aspects are equally available to all candidates.

- **Introduction:**

- Begin the event with a statement reinforcing the nonpartisan nature of the event and the importance of civic engagement.
- Introduce each candidate in a similar manner, without any embellishments or biases.

- **Equal Treatment:**

- Monitor the event to ensure that all candidates are treated equally and fairly.
- Address any deviations from the plan immediately to maintain nonpartisanship.



## Post-Event Activities

- **Feedback and Evaluation:**
  - Collect feedback from attendees and candidates about the event's effectiveness and fairness.
  - Evaluate the event to identify areas for improvement in future candidate forums.
- **Thank You Notes:**
  - Send thank you notes to all candidates who participated, reiterating the nonpartisan intent of the event.
  - Express appreciation to volunteers and staff who helped organize and run the event.
- **Follow-Up Communication:**
  - Provide attendees with additional nonpartisan resources about voting and civic engagement.
  - Avoid any post-event communication that could be construed as an endorsement of a candidate.



# Conducting Candidate Debates

## Planning and Preparation

- **Define Objectives:**
  - Clearly define the purpose of the debate, such as informing the public about candidates' positions on key issues relevant to your community.
  - Ensure that the event aligns with the mission and values of the nonprofit.
- **Ensure Nonpartisanship:**
  - The debate must be conducted in a completely nonpartisan manner.
  - All candidates for a particular office must be invited and given equal opportunity to participate.
- **Understand Legal Requirements:**
  - Familiarize yourself with federal and state laws regarding political activities for nonprofits, especially IRS guidelines for 501(c)(3) organizations.
  - Consult legal counsel if necessary to ensure compliance with all regulations.
- **Develop a Detailed Plan:**
  - Create a timeline for planning and executing the debate, including key dates for invitations, promotions, and logistics.
  - Identify and secure a neutral venue that is accessible to all participants and attendees.



## Invitations and Communication

- **Inviting Candidates:**

- Send formal invitations to all legally qualified candidates for the office in question.
- Clearly communicate the nonpartisan nature of the debate and provide details about the event format, rules, and expectations.

- **Follow-Up:**

- Follow up with candidates to confirm their participation and address any questions or concerns.
- Ensure that all candidates are treated equally in terms of communication and logistical arrangements.

- **Promotional Materials:**

- Promote the debate to the public using neutral language that does not indicate any preference for a candidate or party.
- Use various channels such as social media, email newsletters, flyers, and local media to reach a broad audience.



## Event Format and Structure

- **Neutral Moderation:**

- Select a neutral and respected moderator to facilitate the debate.
- The moderator should have experience and be trained to maintain fairness and impartiality.

- **Agenda and Rules:**

- Develop a clear agenda with equal time allotted for each candidate's opening and closing statements, as well as responses to questions.
- Establish and communicate the rules of the debate, including time limits for responses and the format for audience questions.

- **Question Selection:**

- Prepare a list of questions in advance that cover a range of issues relevant to the audience.
- Ensure questions are unbiased and designed to elicit informative responses on policy and candidate positions.
- Consider allowing the audience to submit questions in writing, which can be screened for relevance and neutrality.





## Execution

- **Event Setup:**

- Arrange the venue to ensure equal visibility and comfort for all candidates.
- Provide necessary technical equipment such as microphones, timers, and recording devices.

- **Opening Remarks:**

- Start the event with a statement reinforcing the nonpartisan nature of the debate and the importance of civic engagement.
- Introduce each candidate in a neutral manner, without any bias or preference.

- **Debate Conduct:**

- The moderator should enforce the rules strictly, ensuring that all candidates adhere to time limits and stay on topic.
- Address any breaches of the rules immediately and impartially.

- **Audience Engagement:**

- Allow the audience to ask questions in a controlled and respectful manner.
- Ensure that audience participation does not disrupt the fairness or flow of the debate.



## Post-Event Activities

- **Feedback and Evaluation:**
  - Collect feedback from candidates, attendees, and volunteers to evaluate the effectiveness and fairness of the debate.
  - Use this feedback to identify areas for improvement in future debates.
- **Thank You Notes:**
  - Send thank you notes to all candidates and volunteers who participated in the debate, reiterating the nonpartisan intent of the event.
  - Express appreciation to the audience for their engagement and participation.
- **Post-Debate Analysis:**
  - Consider providing a nonpartisan summary or analysis of the debate for your audience, highlighting key points and differences in candidates' positions.
  - Ensure that any post-debate materials remain neutral and informative.
- **Follow-Up Communication:**
  - Provide attendees and the broader community with additional resources on voting and civic engagement.
  - Share information about upcoming elections, voter registration deadlines, and polling locations.



# Stepping Up a Polling Place

## Initial Planning and Approval

- **Contact Local Election Authorities:**
  - Reach out to your local election board or county clerk's office to express your interest in hosting a voting booth.
  - Ensure that your facility meets any criteria set by election authorities, such as accessibility and space requirements.

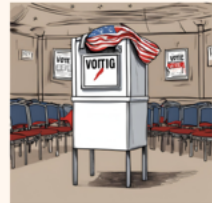
## Legal and Compliance Requirements

- **Understand Legal Requirements:**
  - Familiarize yourself with federal, state, and local laws regarding the use of religious buildings as polling places.
  - Ensure compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to provide accessibility for all voters.
- **Nonpartisan Conduct:**
  - The voting booth must operate in a completely nonpartisan manner.
  - Ensure that no political materials, endorsements, or campaign activities take place on the premises during the voting period.



## Facility Preparation

- **Space Allocation:**
  - Allocate a suitable space within the temple that can accommodate voting booths, election officials, and voters.
  - Ensure that the space allows for privacy while voters cast their ballots.
- **Accessibility:**
  - Ensure the facility is accessible to individuals with disabilities, including wheelchair access, ramps, and appropriate signage.
  - Provide adequate parking and easy entry and exit routes for voters.
- **Security:**
  - Implement measures to ensure the security of the voting process, including secure storage for voting equipment and ballots.
  - Coordinate with local law enforcement if necessary to ensure a safe environment.



## Equipment and Supplies

- **Voting Equipment:**
  - Work with local election authorities to obtain the necessary voting equipment, such as voting machines, booths, and ballot boxes.
  - Ensure all equipment is delivered, set up, and tested well before election day.
- **Supplies:**
  - Stock necessary supplies, including ballots, pens, instructions, signage, and personal protective equipment (PPE) if needed.

## Staff and Training

- **Election Officials:**

- Collaborate with local election authorities to ensure that trained election officials are available to manage the voting process.
- Volunteers from the temple can also assist, but they must receive proper training and adhere to nonpartisan guidelines.

- **Training:**

- Ensure all staff and volunteers understand their roles, the voting process, and how to assist voters while maintaining neutrality.
- Provide training on health and safety protocols if necessary.

## Publicity and Communication

- **Inform the Community:**

- Publicize the location and hours of the voting booth to the congregation and the broader community.
- Use newsletters, social media, and local media to spread the word.

- **Signage:**

- Ensure clear and prominent signage directing voters to the voting area within the facility.
- Provide information on what voters need to bring (e.g., identification) and any health protocols in place.



## Election Day Operations

- **Setup:**

- Set up the voting area early on election day, ensuring all equipment is functioning and supplies are in place.
- Confirm that the area is clean, accessible, and ready to receive voters.

- **Monitoring and Assistance:**

- Monitor the voting process throughout the day to ensure it runs smoothly.
- Provide assistance to voters as needed, ensuring that help is nonpartisan and in accordance with election laws.

- **Close and Secure:**

- Follow proper procedures to close the voting booth at the end of the day.
- Secure all ballots and equipment as directed by election authorities and ensure they are safely transported for counting.



# Commenting on Candidates and Campaigns

- Focus on what was said (the issue), not who said it (the candidate).
- Decide who will speak publicly on behalf of the 501(c)(3) organization, so that non-designated staff will not inadvertently say something partisan.
- Script responses before talking to reporters.
- Avoid talking about a candidate's qualifications or whether someone is a good or bad candidate.
- Avoid discussing a candidate's policy record; commenting on a candidate's record is very close to commenting on a candidate's qualifications or whether they should be elected.
- Avoid talking about voters or making references to the election. For example, instead of saying "Voters will not accept..." say, "Americans won't accept..."
- Avoid identifying the candidate by name. It is better to say: "During the recent Republican debate, statements were made about X. We disagree..."
- Be very cautious if a reporter asks about which candidate is better on the 501(c)(3)'s issues, or whether the 501(c)(3) agrees with a statement a candidate made.

- Issue a disclaimer in one-on-one conversations or press releases reminding the listener or reader that as a 501(c)(3) organization you do not support or oppose candidates for public office.
- A 501(c)(3) organization may want to urge all candidates to take a stand or act on an issue, without commenting on specific candidate statements. For example, a 501(c)(3) organization may want to urge both major party candidates in the presidential race to take more forceful action on the issue of illegal guns and violence. A 501(c)(3) making this kind of communication should be careful to avoid criticizing any candidate or suggesting that a candidate who doesn't take a stand shouldn't be elected, and should focus on the need for all candidates to take action.
- COMMENTING ON A CANDIDATE OR PARTY IN THE CONTEXT OF A LOBBYING CAMPAIGN
  - 501(c)(3) organizations can engage in issue advocacy. This may include criticizing, praising, or even mentioning legislators who happen to be running for office or even, in certain instances, referencing political parties.
- Below are examples of issue-focused statements acceptable for 501(c)(3) organizations:
  - “Despite public outcry, the Senate Majority Leader refuses to bring sensible gun control legislation to the floor.”
  - “We take issue with many of the provisions of the ‘Pledge to America’ put forth by Republican leadership in Congress.”
  - “Please thank Senator Smith for her recent vote on legislation to maintain funding for affordable housing.” (Statement made while Senator Smith is in office as well as a candidate for re-election)

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## About You and Your Vision

1: Tell us who you are and why you want to serve in the US Congress.

2: What is your vision for a better America?

3: What are your top three priorities should you get elected?



## Growing Hindu Hate

4: To counter the growing instances of targeted hate against Hindus in America, H.Res. 1131 – “Celebrating Hindu Americans, and condemning attacks on Hindu places of worship, Hinduphobia, and anti-Hindu bigotry, and for other purposes” has been introduced in the 118 th. Congress. Do you support this resolution? Will you support a similar resolution if it is reintroduced in the next Congress?



## Affirmative Action

5: What are your thoughts on merit-based admissions policies?



## Immigration Policies

6: H.R.6542 – Immigration Visa Efficiency and Security Act of 2023 increases the annual per-country cap on family-based immigrant visas and eliminates the per-country cap for employment-based immigrant visas to help the US attract and retain highly skilled professionals. Do you support this resolution? Will you support this resolution if it is reintroduced in the next Congress?



## International Human Rights

7: Do you support the human rights of persecuted religious minorities in authoritative theocracies? For example, do you believe that US Foreign Policy and US Aid should take into account the egregious abuses of Hindu and other religious minorities in countries such as Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Afghanistan?



## Foreign Policy

8: Do you believe that the US is currently interfering in the sovereign rights of democratic allies like India?



## Sustainability and Environment

9: What is your position on promoting renewable energy and environmental protection?



## Free Speech

10: Do you think there are limitations to free speech? How do you intend to guarantee free speech for all groups on university campuses? Do you think there are limitations to free speech?



## Gun Control

11: What is your position on gun control?



## Abortion

12: In June 2022, the US Supreme Court effectively overturned Roe v. Wade. What is your position on the decision of the US Supreme Court on abortion?



# AMERICAN HINDU AGENDA 2024



## Hindu Hate

Support legislation to bar "Hinduphobia." Defund academic departments and academicians that actively promote Hindu hatred



## Hindu Temples

Support FBI investigation to determine systemic causes and culprits who have vandalized the Hindu temples and Mahatma Gandhi statues across the US



## Legal Immigration

Endorse immigration of highly skilled workers, removal of country based caps in HIB visas, expedite green cards for HIB visa holders and protect children with H4B visa from deportation



## Fairness in Education & Employment

Support merit based educational and occupational opportunities and the verdict in "Fair Admissions vs. Harvard" case



## Human Rights

Hold religious theocracies like Afghanistan, Pakistan and Bangladesh that egregiously abuse religious minorities accountable, and withhold their US aid



## Historic Artifacts

Facilitate the repatriation of stolen Hindu artifacts from museums and private collections to their countries of origin through legislation and enforcement



## Foreign Policy

Promote a multifaceted partnership with India, a democratic ally, without the interference in their sovereign rights. Appoint Hindu representatives in USCIRF and other faith-centric agencies



## Environment

Support legislations and policies that promote environmentally responsible, sustainable development





A HISTORIC FIRST  
A COMPREHENSIVE VOTING GUIDE FOR CONGRESSIONAL ELECTIONS

<https://elections2024.HinduVote.org>

Look up Candidate based on your address, see how they voted on Issues of importance to Hindus, read their responses to questions of importance to hindus and rate the candidate

### Hindu Vote Matters

Hindu dharma is the fourth largest faith practiced in the US. People who follow dharmic faiths make up almost 2% of US population.

In many of the battleground states, Hindu vote will be a deciding factor.

### AMERICAN HINDU ISSUES

From physical attacks on Hindus, attempts to erase Hindu faith from school textbooks to concern for human rights, and equality, we have documented issues that are important to the American Hindus Questionnaire for Congressional Candidates

Engage your legislators. Find out how represents you and tell them how you feel about issues that are being discussed Engage Your Legislators

### STEPS TO BETTER DECISION MAKING

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Enter your address, we will show you your candidates and their positions from the Hindu perspective. You will also have an opportunity to provide your thoughts on the candidate

The screenshot shows the website interface with three numbered arrows:
 

- Arrow 1 (purple) points to the 'US House of Representatives' section, which lists Lauren Underwood (Democrat, Illinois) and Scott Glyder (Republican, Illinois).
- Arrow 2 (yellow) points to the 'US Senate' section, which lists Kathy Siskel (Republican, Illinois) and Tommy Duckworth (Democrat, Illinois).
- Arrow 3 (orange) points to the 'US House of Representatives' section at the bottom, which lists Lauren Underwood (Democrat, Illinois) and Scott Glyder (Republican, Illinois).

**Voters Survey**  
Express Your Thoughts on the Candidate

**Candidate Questionnaire**

**Key Votes**

Date	Legislation	HinduPACT Position Agreement



## Elections Related Tools on HinduVote.Org



Register to Vote



Find Voting Locations



Verify Voter Registration



Request Absentee Ballot



Election Reminders



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