



ARIZONA HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES
PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85007

September 10, 2025

The Honorable Lupe Diaz
Chair, House Ethics Committee
1700 West Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Dear Representative Diaz,

We are writing to submit a formal ethics complaint against Representative John Gillette for a series of racist and bigoted public comments he has made disparaging Muslims in Arizona, including countless constituents in every single legislative district. His written and verbal statements are beyond offensive, dangerous, and egregiously unbecoming of an elected official. Such behavior indisputably constitutes disorderly behavior in violation of House Rule 1 and severely damages the public's perception of this institution. Accordingly, we are asking that the Ethics Committee convene immediately to investigate Rep. Gillette's behavior, including bringing him before the Ethics Committee to answer for his hateful rhetoric, and to recommend potential disciplinary actions.

On September 9, 2025, the *Arizona Mirror* published an article titled, *Arizona GOP lawmaker calls Muslims 'f***ing savages' and 'terrorists' from 'sh*t hole' countries* (<https://azmirror.com/2025/09/09/john-gillette-arizona-gop-lawmaker-calls-muslims-fing-savages-and-terrorists/>). In that article, Rep. Gillette referred to Muslims as "fucking savages" who don't properly "assimilate" into American culture. By referring to Muslims as "savages" and "terrorists," Rep. Gillette dehumanized them and demonstrates his bigotry against an entire religious group, which constitutes about 1% of the population in this state. Indeed, Arizona has one of the largest Muslim populations in America. See 10 States with the Highest Muslim Population in the US, <https://finance.yahoo.com/news/10-states-highest-muslim-population-204513805.html>.

Rep. Gillette further dehumanized Muslim Arizonans in his interview with the *Arizona Mirror* by claiming they don't "assimilate" into American society. The concept of assimilation implies that only those who look, act, or speak a certain way are welcome. We do not know what Rep. Gillette had in mind when he complained

that Muslim Arizonans don't assimilate. Does he want them to renounce their sincerely held religious beliefs? Doesn't the First Amendment to the United States Constitution protect and honor Muslim Arizonans' rights to practice their religion? Does Rep. Gillette believe that Muslim Arizonans should look like him? Does the color of their skin offend him? He should be called before the Ethics Committee to answer these questions and explain to the public what his words intended and to take responsibility for the pain he has caused the community, and the potential danger in which he placed our Muslim constituents, with such hateful and inciteful words.

Furthermore, Rep. Gillette's comments on the record to the *Arizona Mirror* are part of a disturbing pattern of Islamophobia, which Rep. Gillette lays out in surprising clarity on social media. Below are the tweets referred to in the news article.



 **Rep. John Gillette AZ House LD30** ✓ @AzRepGillette Sep 2
Replying to @AxiomVeritas

I only shame the woke liberal idiots. Matters not color, weight, age, sex. They are all scum for support degradation of the US. Constitution.
Zero Fucks given about what you think.


JESUS CHRIST
Love them... (Mt. 5:44)
Bless them... (Luke 6:28)
Pray for them... (Luke 6:28)
Help them... (Luke 10:29-37)
Give to them... (Luke 6:35)
Do good to them... (Luke 6:27)
Be merciful to them... (Lk. 6:36)
Forgive them... (Mt. 6:14)


MUHAMMAD
Kill them... (Sur. 4:89, 9:5)
Crucify them... (Sur. 5:33)
Slay them... (Sur. 2:191, 9:5)
Fight them... (Sur. 8:39)
Slaughter them... (Sur. 47:4)
Besiege them... (Sur. 9:5)
Terrorize them... (Sur. 3:151)
Maim them... (Sur. 5:33)

Dr. Maalouf ✓ @realMa... · 22h ↻
Female Islamist scholar: "Allah allows Muslim men to rape non-Muslim women to humiliate them."

If we fight infidels, we can take their women as sex slaves and rape them."

This is the culture that is being brought to the UK and Europe!



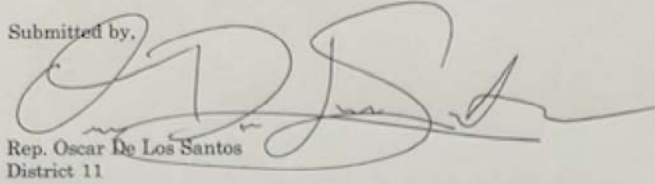


Such public comments from an elected official are not only offensive but they are also dangerous. As noted in the *Arizona Mirror* article, "Arizona has a long [and violent history] with Islamophobia" and that history includes murder and physical violence against Muslims. We acknowledge that this is a time in American history when rhetoric is heated and emotions are high, but that is absolutely no excuse for an elected official to disparage and insult his own constituents and others around the state. His vile comments could have very real, profound, and potentially dangerous impacts on people in this state.

Rep. Gillette's pattern of hateful conduct is dishonorable and clearly unbecoming of a member of the Arizona House of Representatives. His behavior undermines the public's confidence in this institution and violates the order and decorum necessary to complete the people's work in this state. Accordingly, we call on you to convene the Ethics Committee at once and hold Rep. Gillette to account for his actions.

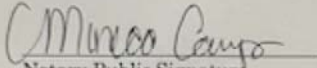
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Submitted by,


Rep. Oscar De Los Santos
District 11

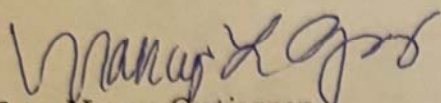
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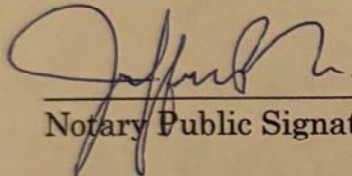
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Rep. Nancy Gutierrez
District 18

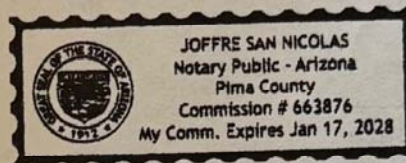
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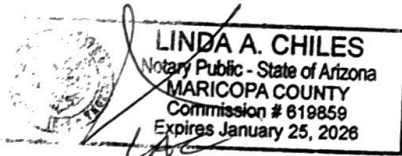
Rep. Quanta Crews
District 26

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S. Travers

Rep. Stacey Travers
District 12

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Sworn to and subscribed before me on 10th day of September 2025, by Stacey Travers.

Mary L Moore

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