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Anti-Islamophobia organizations demand action from Joe Pimlott, Calgary NDP candidate

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The Alberta Muslim Public Affairs Council (AMPAC) and the National Council of Canadian Muslims (NCCM) are disappointed that Joe Pimlott, who is once again running for office as an NDP candidate in Calgary-Forest Lawn, has not followed through with his statement to work together and fight against Islamophobia.

In April 2019, Mr. Pimlott apologized for sharing problematic social media posts about jihad and the Crusades. He stated, "I look forward to working with AMPAC to build greater understanding and working with them..."

Mr. Pimlott has not contacted AMPAC since his apology.

"It is disheartening that Mr. Pimlott, despite our initially positive conversations, did not in any way attempt to follow up on his statement about learning more outside of the election period," says Faisal Khan Suri, President of AMPAC.

"We understand that people make mistakes," says Mustafa Farooq, Executive Director of NCCM. "But when a candidate makes a clear public statement to learn more about, and work with, a marginalized community and then fails to do so, we question whether that promise was genuine in the first place. We are calling upon Mr. Pimlott to take action by explaining why he has not made any further efforts."

Background

- The NCCM is an independent, non-partisan and non-profit organization that is a leading voice for civic engagement and the promotion of human rights.
- AMPAC is an independent, non-profit, and non-partisan organization dedicated to championing civic engagement and anti-racism efforts in the province of Alberta.

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