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Omar Won't Stand for Americans. Al-Aqidi Will.

Al-Aqidi: Omar's Refusal to Stand Was the Most Honest Thing She's Done in a Decade

Minneapolis, MN — When President Trump asked every member of Congress who puts American citizens first to stand up Tuesday night, Ilhan Omar remained seated and hurled insults at the President of the country that welcomed her with open arms as a refugee.

“Minnesota was once again the poster child for everything broken about immigration, accountability, and leadership in this country,” said Dalia Al-Aqidi, Republican candidate for Minnesota’s 5th Congressional District. “A city once celebrated as one of the best places in America to live is now synonymous with fraud, corruption, and cover-up. Ilhan Omar owns that, which is why she will say and do anything to distract people from what is going on in Minneapolis.”

“Like Ilhan, I am a legal immigrant,” Al-Aqidi said. “But that is where the comparison ends. I came to this country with nothing and built a life here. Ilhan Omar took that same opportunity and spent the last decade bashing the country that gave it to her. I lived under Saddam Hussein’s regime. I did not need Tuesday night to tell me who Ilhan Omar is. I grew up watching the same tactics, the same contempt for the rule of law, the same silencing of anyone who pushes back to keep people in line. What is happening in Minneapolis looks very familiar to me.”

Al-Aqidi credited President Trump for addressing the problems in Minneapolis.

“I am grateful to President Trump for shining a spotlight on the corruption running rampant in this city,” she said. “Thanks to the Democratic leadership, fraud and chaos are the only things you can count on from government in this state anymore.”

Al-Aqidi says the evidence of Omar’s self-dealing is not hard to find.

“How does a member of Congress who has spent her career pushing socialist policies for everyone else end up with a \$30 million net worth? That is not a rhetorical question,” Al-Aqidi said. “The people of this district deserve a real answer. Last night, she would not even stand up for them. She has never stood up for them. The only thing Ilhan Omar has ever stood up for is Ilhan Omar.”

This seat does not belong to Ilhan Omar. It belongs to the people of CD5.

“Today, I am putting every Democrat in this state on notice. November belongs to the citizens of the 5th District. Not to outside activists funded by elite billionaires who have never set foot in Minnesota. Not to people with no right to vote in this country. To the people who live here, work here, and have watched their city be run into the ground,” Al-Aqidi said. “I escaped a dictatorship to come to this country. I am not about to watch the same playbook destroy the city I chose to call home. We are taking this seat back.”

CD5 is ground zero for the fight to take back America’s cities. A win here proves it can be done anywhere.

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About Dalia Al-Aqidi

Dalia Al-Aqidi is a Republican candidate for Minnesota’s 5th Congressional District. A legal immigrant who fled Iraq and built a distinguished career as a television journalist and anchor, including as a White House correspondent for Alhurra, the U.S.-sponsored satellite network broadcasting to 22 countries across the Middle East. She lives in Minneapolis and is running on her Opportunity First Agenda. For more information, visit daliaforcongress.org.

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