

# [***Dem House Candidate Gives Victory Speech In Somali After Primary Victory***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6BKY-2R01-DXXD-70M2-00000-00&context=1516831)

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Democratic Ohio Rep. Ismail Mohamed, a Somali immigrant, won the Democratic primary for Ohio's 3rd House District on Tuesday night and delivered his victory speech almost entirety in Somali.

Mohamed, the incumbent in the district, defeated fellow Somali immigrant Abdirizak Diini, capturing 55 percent to Diini's 33 percent, [*according*](https://www.dispatch.com/story/news/politics/elections/local/2024/03/19/ohio-election-has-competitive-franklin-county-house-primaries/72976946007/) to the Columbus Dispatch.

Ohio Rep. Ismail Mohamed delivers his victory speech. Not a word of English. [*pic.twitter.com/GmJco3aCN1*](https://t.co/GmJco3aCN1)

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The 31-year-old Columbus lawyer became Ohio's first [*Somali*](https://dailycaller.com/2024/02/22/4-charged-death-2-navy-seals-arabian-sea/) lawmaker in 2022, alongside Munira Abdullahi, who [*won*](https://news.yahoo.com/primary-results-columbus-picks-somali-023002520.html) in Ohio's 9th district in 2022 as well.

Mohamed is a [*Somali*](https://dailycaller.com/2024/02/03/dcnf-reporter-discusses-al-shabaab-member-caught-minnesota/) refugee who, after originally escaping the violence in his home country and fleeing to Kenya, came to the United States in 2005, he [*told*](https://spectrumnews1.com/oh/columbus/news/2022/09/13/somali-american-candidates) Spectrum News in 2022. [***(RELATED: Ron DeSantis Calls For Ilhan Omar To Be Expelled From Congress, Denaturalized And Deported)***](https://dailycaller.com/2024/01/30/ron-desantis-call-ilhan-omar-expel-congress-denaturalize-deport/)

Much of his campaign centered on representing his community's substantial Somali population - Columbus hosts [*over 45,000*](https://www.columbus.gov/uploadedfiles/public_health/content_editors/community_health/minority_health/somalicommunityproject_final_12.3.2010.pdf) Somalis, second only to fellow Somali refugee [*Ilhan Omar*](https://dailycaller.com/2024/03/14/cnn-scott-jennings-ilhan-omar-apology-democrats/)'s district in Minnesota - and he even campaigned on a Somali-owned state television network.

Ohio State Rep. Ismail Mohamed (D-Columbus) is campaigning on [*#Somalia*](https://twitter.com/hashtag/Somalia?src=hash&ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw)'s state owned TV for an American election. He said his objective is to lobby for [*#Somalia*](https://twitter.com/hashtag/Somalia?src=hash&ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw), and his first term achievement was naming a Columbus street in honor of a Somali terrorist. [*pic.twitter.com/Tcghf7iGEN*](https://t.co/Tcghf7iGEN)

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Mohamed previously ran unsuccessfully in 2018, falling to then-incumbent Democratic Rep. Bernadine Kennedy Kent in 2018, losing narrowly by just 658 votes, [*according*](https://www.dispatch.com/story/news/politics/elections/2024/03/05/three-democrats-compete-for-columbus-ohio-house-seat/72760636007/) to the Dispatch. But his 2022 election victory was a landslide, as he won with about 80 percent of the vote, according to the Dispatch.

His policy objectives include funding affordable housing and education. “I want to use my voice to fight for equitable policies, all in the pursuit of a brighter future for every resident across the district and State,” he told the Dispatch.

**Graphic**

Ohio state legislator Ismail Mohamed delivers his primary victory speech in Columbus speaking in the Somali language. 3/20/24. Screenshot/Twitter/@endwokeness

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