

Moorooka ward candidate announced

Ms Yasmin Khan has been endorsed as the Lord Mayor's representative for the Brisbane City Council ward of Moorooka.

Ms Khan has worked in the community for more than 20 years and her family has been associated with the south side of Brisbane for more than 120 years. Her forefathers were instrumental in building the first mosque in Queensland, the Holland Park Mosque, which is now more than 100 years old.

Ms Khan has been at the helm of the highly successful Qld Eidfest Association which runs Eidfest, the yearly festival that celebrates the end of Ramadhan, since its inception eight years ago. She was a member of the Islamic Women's Association for seven years, with three years as President. She also started Qld I-Care Association, which won the 2008 Premier's Award for Excellence in Public Sector Management in the Engaging and Serving Communities section for a joint initiative with the Queensland Police Service.

In 2005, Ms Khan was invited by then Prime Minister John Howard to sit on the Prime Minister's Muslim Reference Group and was seconded to work with the Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs on a year long Muslim engagement project.

Yasmin has been a small business owner, running her own printing business in the Brisbane CBD, as well as working in the media industry. She is a spokesperson for the Brisbane Muslim community and can be heard on a number of media outlets.

Yasmin is currently working with a medical consortium in a consulting role, responsible for Government engagement and project management. She works closely with the Queensland Police Service with community projects and has for a number of years been involved in recruitment and education of police on multicultural interaction.

"I am honoured that the Lord Mayor has asked me to stand for election, and I look forward to working with the people of Moorooka Ward to make Brisbane a new world city. It is heartening to see the Lord Mayor has recognised the need for diversity in his Council team, and I know that the people of Moorooka Ward are great examples of a diverse and dynamic community," Ms Khan said.

"I look forward to meeting with all community groups in the Moorooka Ward and seeing what I and the Brisbane City Council can do to make our local community a great place to live and work."

For further information please contact Yasmin Khan on 0419 025 510.