



## **Be A Part of Vote Palestine**

We have created this guide for anyone who wants to get involved in the Vote Palestine campaign. Many people want to be more active, but it can be challenging to try it for the first time. This guide is designed to make it easier to get started.

In this guide, you will find:

1. An introduction to the campaign
2. Tips on how to organize your own flyer distribution
3. Advice on creating meaningful dialogue about the campaign in public spaces
4. Key points to mention about the campaign
5. Our demands

# 1. About the Campaign

## What is Vote Palestine?

Vote Palestine is a campaign developed through a broad collaboration within the Palestinian solidarity movement in Copenhagen. We are politically independent, and our goal is to pressure candidates to take real action. We fight for justice and human rights for the Palestinian people, pro-Palestinian freedom of expression, and a safe city for all Copenhagen residents.

Vote Palestine has three core demands for candidates in Copenhagen Municipality for the municipal elections on **November 18, 2025**. These demands are sent to all candidates, and those who commit to them are published on our website.

To put pressure on candidates, we need as many Copenhagen residents as possible to sign our voter pledge. By signing the pledge, you declare that you will **only vote for candidates who have committed to our demands**.

The demands can be read at the end of this guide or on our website (this is important!).

## 2. Plan Your Flyer Distribution (or Join One We've Organized)

There are many opportunities to join us on the streets, distributing flyers, encouraging people to sign our voter pledge, and creating dialogue about Vote Palestine. If you want to be part of the team, reach out to us on social media or at **info@stempalaestina.dk**. We also encourage people to organize on their own and help make sure Vote Palestine is discussed across the city.

### Important tips for planning your event:

#### Bring friends!

Don't go alone, but you don't need to be more than three people. A smaller group can be more effective depending on the location and foot traffic — and it's more enjoyable to work together!

#### Choose the right location

It's easier and more comfortable if you know your surroundings well. The best spots are where there are many people walking by, as they are the people you'll engage with.

Examples include:

- Metro or S-train stations
- In front of shopping centers or supermarkets

- Pedestrian streets, squares, plazas, or parks

Stand slightly apart so you're not two people talking to the same person, which can feel intimidating. Being spread out allows you to reach more people.

Focus on approaching people who are walking by. Be aware that it can feel pressuring for some if you approach someone who is sitting or standing still.

### **Choose the right time**

The best times to distribute flyers are weekday afternoons and evenings, or during the day on weekends. If possible, do it in daylight, or in well-lit areas.

Bring plenty of flyers, and optionally this guide, so you can reference the specific points in the demands or anything you're unsure about.

## **3. Talk About Vote for Palestine**

### **What should I say when handing out flyers?**

Keep it simple. For example, you can start with:

- "Hi, can I give you a flyer?"
- "Would you like a flyer?"
- "Have you heard about Vote Palestine?"

Many people are busy, so you might not have time for more than asking if they want a flyer. Expect that some will ignore you, others will say thanks, and hopefully many will smile and accept.

Once people stop to read the flyer or ask questions, you can start a longer conversation.

A good way to start is by asking a question related to one of the demands:

- "Did you know that Copenhagen Municipality has 1.2 billion DKK invested in companies complicit in genocide?"
- "Do you find it controversial to stand up for human rights?"
- "Are you aware that anti-Muslim racism is a growing and a systemic problem in Copenhagen?"

### **Important points to mention:**

- We are not a political party  
Vote Palestine grew out of the Palestinian solidarity movement in Copenhagen. We

are politically independent and do not endorse any candidates or parties.

- We have three demands for all candidates  
The demands have been sent to all candidates in Copenhagen Municipality. Candidates who commit to them are published on the website. The demands and sources are available online.

### **After the election**

The campaign does not stop on November 18. After the election, we continue to put pressure on the municipality to act on our three demands.

### **Voter pledge**

The easiest and fastest way to support the campaign is by signing our voter pledge. By signing, you show candidates that you will only vote for those who will work on Vote for Palestine's demands.

### **Our demands are municipal issues**

All our demands relate to responsibilities of Copenhagen Municipality:

- Copenhagen Municipality invests 1.2 billion DKK in companies on the BDS list and in UN Special Rapporteur Francesca Albanese's report *From Economy of Occupation to Economy of Genocide*. We can stop this!
- Copenhagen needs a plan to tackle the systematic and growing anti-Muslim racism and discrimination against residents from the Global South.
- Copenhagen Municipality must protect freedom of expression, including for discussions about Palestine.

### **Give people ways to act**

Remember to tell people they can take action! By following and sharing the campaign on social media, signing the voter pledge, and voting for candidates who have committed to our demands, we can stop investments in genocide and create a better Copenhagen for everyone.

### **Take care of each other :)**

It's always okay to leave an uncomfortable situation. You can always check in with your partner and move elsewhere.

It's not our job to convince every single person, but to reach as many as possible who also want Copenhagen Municipality to avoid complicity in genocide.

# Our Demands

## 1. Divestment

Commit to ensuring Copenhagen Municipality does not invest in companies complicit in genocide and the occupation of the Palestinian population.

Copenhagen Municipality currently holds investments of 1.2 billion in 34 companies complicit in Israel's ongoing genocide against Palestinians, including companies linked to Israeli settlements. These companies are on the BDS movement's list of businesses that directly profit from the genocide, and several are cited in UN Special Rapporteur Francesca Albanese's June 2025 report as directly complicit.

Candidates commit to working to ensure Copenhagen Municipality does not invest in Israel's genocide, human rights violations, or occupation policies.

This includes:

- Divesting from all companies on the BDS priority list
- Divesting from all companies mentioned in UN Special Rapporteur Francesca Albanese's report *From Economy of Occupation to Economy of Genocide*
- Developing an investment policy that does not contribute to violations of international humanitarian law or human rights law in Palestine

## 2. Fight Anti-Muslim Racism

Commit to actively combating anti-Muslim racism and discrimination against residents from the Global South\* in Copenhagen Municipality.

Ongoing human rights violations in Palestine could not occur without Western support or silent approval — and without widespread anti-Muslim racism and discrimination that also affects residents from the Global South in Copenhagen.

Racism and discrimination are a structural and systemic problem that Copenhagen Municipality must actively address.

Actions should include:

- Official recognition of anti-Muslim racism and racism targeting residents from the Global South as a real problem
- Developing a municipal action plan to combat anti-Muslim racism and racism targeting residents from the Global South, which may include:
  - Targeted strategies to address structural discrimination against these groups in municipal workplaces and schools

- Training for teachers, educators, social workers, and other relevant professionals on the trauma experienced by these groups due to genocide, war, and colonization
- Education in schools on the Nakba, racism, and anti-Muslim discrimination

*\*Global South: Countries and regions in Africa, Asia, and Latin America*

### **3. Protect Freedom of Expression**

Commit to protecting pro-Palestinian freedom of expression in Copenhagen Municipality. There have been numerous attempts to suppress pro-Palestinian expression in Copenhagen. Candidates pledge to work toward protecting freedom of expression for Palestine solidarity.

Actions should include:

- Ensuring cultural institutions and community centers can freely host events and fundraisers with pro-Palestinian purposes
- Opposing bans or de facto bans on pro-Palestinian speech and symbols, including protecting students' and employees' rights to express themselves and display pro-Palestinian symbols