Welcome to Our New Country

Hamtramck has made history," community leader Bill Meyer said. "The election was far from close, with the three Muslim winners each gaining over 1,000 votes, while the other three candidates garnered less than 700 votes each."

Though the percentage of Muslim residents in the town is not known, U.S. Census figures describe the city as currently 24 percent Arab, 19 percent African, 15 percent Bangladeshi, 12 percent Polish and 6 percent Yugoslavian. Estimates of Hamtramck's Muslim population are between 30 percent to 50 percent.

Meyer said the city council's incumbent Muslim councilmen have proven themselves to the city.

"[They've] helped bring stability, security and sobriety while lessening the amount of drugs and crime in the city,"