



16 Campaign Signs Targeted by Graffiti, Raising Concerns About Racism and Intimidation in Waverley West

WINNIPEG, MB — August 29, 2026 — Sixteen campaign signs for Waverley West City Council candidate Nafiya Naso were vandalized with spray paint along Waverley Street at Tim Sale Drive, directly across from École South Pointe School.

The signs were specifically targeted, with Ms. Naso's face scribbled over and derogatory words written across her name and photograph. Other candidates' signs in the immediate area were left untouched.

The graffiti appears to be the same tag that has been seen repeatedly in Waverley West over the past two years. The fact that Naso's campaign signs were specifically targeted is deeply troubling and raises serious concerns about intimidation, racism, and the environment we create for people participating in our democratic process.

A police report has been filed, and the campaign is encouraging anyone who witnessed the incident, has video footage, or has information about those responsible to contact the Winnipeg Police Service.

"This is bigger than a campaign sign," said Nafiya Naso. "People are free to disagree with me, my campaign, or my political views — that is democracy. But when 16 signs are specifically targeted with derogatory graffiti, right across from an elementary school, it is deeply concerning."

Naso said the vandalism will not deter her from running or from continuing to engage with residents.

"I will not be intimidated or discouraged from putting my name forward," Naso said. "I'm running because I believe in Waverley West and I care deeply about this community. We can disagree with one another without resorting to vandalism, intimidation, or racism."

Naso is calling on residents, community leaders, and fellow candidates to reject graffiti, vandalism, and acts of intimidation wherever they occur.

"This election should be about ideas, leadership, and the future of our ward and city — not whether someone feels safe putting up a campaign sign," said Naso. "We can disagree politically and still treat one another with dignity and respect."

The campaign will replace the damaged signs and continue knocking on doors, listening to residents, and engaging with the community throughout Waverley West.