

Website: burnsfilmcenter.org
Tickets: \$10 (JBFC members), \$15 (nonmembers)
Event Date: Thursday, Sept. 27, 7:00 pm

**Westchester Community Foundation and the
League of Women Voters of Westchester to Co-sponsor
Time for Ilhan at the Jacob Burns Film Center**

Film Followed by Discussion with VoteRunLead and Westchester Community Foundation

Pleasantville, NY – 08-XX-18 – Erin Vilardi, founder and CEO of VoteRunLead, and Laura Rossi, executive director of Westchester Community Foundation, will lead a discussion following a screening of the documentary *Time for Ilhan*, on September 27. During a politically charged time, this film about Ilhan Omar, a Somali-American Muslim woman running for elected office in Minnesota, is must-see viewing for anyone interested in changing the status quo and witnessing the rise of a new political force.



A smart, charismatic, determined, and savvy community organizer, Ms. Omar is battling to make a difference in the face of bigotry, sexism, nativism, and personal scandal. The post-screening discussion will highlight the theme of civic engagement and women running for office.

Time for Ilhan is part of the Community Matters series at the Jacob Burns Film Center, a film series sponsored by the Westchester Community

Foundation that focuses on local issues, discussion, and action. This screening is co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Westchester Education Foundation.

Speaker Information

Erin Vilardi is the Founder and CEO of VoteRunLead, the nation's largest and most diverse training program for women to run for office and win. She has served as a Leadership Development Consultant for a range of clients, including Fortune 100 companies, global girls' initiatives, and the U.S. Department of State, reaching women leaders in a dozen international cities.

Laura Rossi is the executive director of the Westchester Community Foundation, which envisions a community that is vibrant, compassionate, and resilient. Through the generosity of those who love our community, it seeks to strengthen our communities and inspire greater giving by connecting donors with effective organizations that improve our quality of life. Formed in 1975, it is a division of the New York Community Trust, one of the nation's oldest community foundations.

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WHAT

Time for Ilhan followed by an on-stage discussion and community reception

Ilhan Omar is a young Muslim woman running for elected office in Minnesota. An unforgettable story of a woman battling to make a difference in the face of bigotry, sexism, nativism, and personal scandal.

On-Stage Discussion and Community Reception with Erin Vilardi, Founder and CEO of VoteRunLead, the nation's largest and most diverse training program for women to run for office and win, and Laura Rossi, executive director of the Westchester Community Foundation.

WHEN

Thursday, Sept. 27, 7:00 pm

WHERE

Jacob Burns Film Center, 364 Manville Road, Pleasantville, NY 10570

Exit 30 Saw Mill River Parkway N/ Exit 29 Saw Mill River Parkway S or the Pleasantville stop on Metro-North Harlem Line

TICKETS

Tickets: \$10 (JBFC members), \$15 (nonmembers)

Tickets are available online at burnsfilmcenter.org or at the Box Office

Box office opens at noon on weekdays and 11:00 am on weekends

For information and group sales, call 914.773.7663, ext. 6

PHOTOS

Photos of the event will be available the day following the screening.

The Westchester Community Foundation is Westchester County's community foundation, founded in 1975 by and for the people of Westchester. It works to improve the quality of life in Westchester by addressing community issues, promoting responsible philanthropy, and connecting donors to critical, local needs. Visit: www.wcf-ny.org.

[Jacob Burns Film Center](http://www.burnsfilmcenter.org) (JBFC) is a nonprofit arts and education hub located on a three-building campus in the New York Metro area. The JBFC brings the transformative power of film to the surrounding community through unique programming and discussion, shared experiences, and educational initiatives. Since opening in 2001, over 3,000,000 people have enjoyed the best of current American and foreign cinema, unique film series, and special events at the five-screen theater complex. A pioneer in visual literacy education, the Jacob Burns Film Center offers courses in filmmaking, screenwriting, and animation for students of all ages at our state-of-the-art Media Arts Lab, and develops curricula for public schools throughout the region.

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