



## **J Street Seeks a Political Assistant/Associate**

Over the past 9 years, J Street's political operation has grown into one of the largest and most sophisticated in progressive politics. Indeed, JStreetPAC has emerged as the nation's largest pro-Israel political action committee, distributing over \$3.6 million to 124 candidates in 2016. We now seek a team player with strong political instinct to oversee the day-to-day management of endorsed candidate services and help grow the identity of JStreetPAC endorsees.

Launched in 2008 with four staff and a limited budget, J Street set out to change the debate on Israel in American politics and the Jewish community. It has since grown into one of the leading advocacy and political organizations at the center of the national debate over the U.S.- Israel relationship, promoting the importance of diplomatically resolving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and prioritizing effective diplomacy in the Middle East. Today, J Street is a \$9 million organization with a national staff of 70 and growing.

J Street's Political Assistant/Associate will oversee endorsed candidate services and administrative responsibilities for JStreetPAC, in addition to managing J Street's political interns.

The ideal candidate will be a self-starting, entrepreneurial thinker with strong writing and research skills and a keen attention to detail. At least one election cycle of experience working on political campaigns and/or for advocacy organizations is preferred for this role.

### **Specific Responsibilities**

- Collaborate with J Street's Regional Team to create opportunities for leadership engagement with endorsed candidates and JStreetPAC. Occasional travel is a possibility.
- Engage with and recommend pro-Israel, pro-peace candidates and Members of Congress for JStreetPAC endorsement, track races, and help candidates develop a pro-Israel position paper.
- Contribute to the organization's strategic political planning as a key member of the political team.
- Manage JStreetPAC's weekly check disbursement process of political money to candidates, track fundraising totals, and identify opportunities to fundraise for PAC endorsees.
- Handle administrative tasks, such as scheduling, liaising with compliance and fundraising consultants, and across J Street national and regional staff.

## **Qualifications and Skills**

- Political familiarity: The ideal candidate will be politically aware and familiar with the motivating factors that guide campaigns.
- Attention to detail: Succeeding in this position requires the ability to manage many projects at once while maintaining a commitment to a detail-oriented approach.
- Collaborative worker: Working across departments within the organization is essential to excelling in this role, as is working on a nimble political team.
- Familiarity with issues related to US-Israel relationship and the American Jewish community is a plus.
- Formal education requirements are less important than actual work experience.

## **Additional Organizational Background**

J Street is the political home for pro-Israel, pro-peace Americans who want Israel to be secure, democratic and the national home of the Jewish people. Working in American politics and the Jewish community, we work to create the political space for elected leaders to pursue a diplomacy-first Middle East policy and push for a two-state outcome to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

As Americans, we advocate in Washington and in national politics for American policy that advances diplomatic resolution of Israel's conflicts with its neighbors. American policy plays an important role in the Middle East, and the voices of Jewish and other pro-Israel Americans are critical in shaping that policy. Through its advocacy and political work, J Street mobilizes support for American policy that helps resolve Israel's conflicts diplomatically and reshapes political perceptions of what it means to be pro-Israel.

Within the American Jewish community, we advocate that our institutions and leaders ground our relationship with Israel in the same values they apply to other issues, including freedom, justice and peace – the very principles set forth in Israel's Declaration of Independence. We urge Jewish communal officials and institutions to demonstrate leadership by speaking out in support of policies that align with our interests and values and against those that don't. We also promote vibrant and respectful discourse about Israel within the Jewish community, expanding American connections to and support for Israel.

The organization is headquartered in Washington, DC, with 6 regional hubs around the country as well as an office in Tel Aviv. The J Street family of organizations includes J Street – a 501(c)(4) non-profit which is responsible for lobbying and advocacy; JStreetPAC – a federal political action committee that endorses and raises money for federal candidates; and the J Street Education Fund – a 501(c)(3) that works through community engagement, education and programming to advance J Street's work.