Record Nr. UNINA9910787966103321 Autore Tatari Eren Titolo Muslims in British local government: representing minority interests in Hackney, Newham, and Tower Hamlets / / by Eren Tatari Pubbl/distr/stampa Leiden, Netherlands:,: Brill,, 2014 ©2014 **ISBN** 90-04-27226-7 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (233 p.) Collana Muslim Minorities, , 1570-7571; ; Volume 16 Disciplina 320.8/50882970941 Soggetti Local government - Great Britain City council members - Great Britain Muslims - Political activity - Great Britain Muslims - Great Britain - Politics and government Minorities - Political activity - Great Britain Great Britain Race relations Political aspects Great Britain Ethnic relations Political aspects Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Preliminary Material -- Introduction: Muslims in Western Politics --Nota di contenuto Muslims and Minority Politics in Britain -- Government Responsiveness to Muslim Interests -- Across London Boroughs -- London Borough Councils and Tower Hamlets -- London Borough of Newham -- London Borough of Hackney -- Comparative Analysis and Muslims in National Government -- Conclusion -- Appendix A Percentage Muslim Population by Percentage Grant Money to Muslims, 1998–2010 --Appendix B Average Local Government Responsiveness by Borough --Bibliography -- Index. Sommario/riassunto This book investigates whether the presence of Muslim representatives in city councils improves substantive representation of Muslim interests across 32 London boroughs. It theorizes that descriptive representation of minorities leads to improved responsiveness to minority interests contingent on the percentage of minority representatives, the proportion of minorities in the district, level of party fragmentation

among minority representatives, their political incorporation, and the

electoral competitiveness of the district. It uses multivariate regression analysis to test the effects of these five explanatory variables. It validates the quantitative findings with case studies of three London boroughs while also investigating the role of representational styles of Muslim councillors on their political attitudes and behavior.