# Business, Civic, & Community Organizations

## Endorsements & Letters of Support

for

Dilawar Syed

President Biden’s Nominee for Deputy Administrator, U.S. Small Business Administration

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### Business, Industry Group, & SBA Partners

| 1. | Airport Minority Advisory Council (AMAC), At-Large Director, Farad Ali |
| 2. | American Pakistani Chamber of Commerce, Inc., President, Khalid Muneer |
| 3. | America's Small Business Development Centers, President & CEO, Tee Rowe |
| 5. | Association for Enterprise Opportunity (AEO), President & CEO, Connie Evans |
| 6. | Association of Women's Business Centers (AWBC), CEO, Corinne Hodges |
| 7. | Black Business Advocates: |
|     | • Avis Lavelle, Executive Director, Business Leadership Council |
|     | • Bruce Montgomery Founder & CEO, ESP |
|     | • Bryan Wilson, Principal, Midwest Technology Partners |
|     | • Daleele Alison, CEO, RooksDM |
|     | • Dan Wagner, Chair, Greater OAK Brook Chamber |
|     | • Ed Burns, CEO, SLG Innovation |
|     | • Eric G Johnson, CEO, Baldwin Richardson Foods |
|     | • Frank Hayes, CEO, Hayes & Associates |
|     | • Levbert Leger, Co-Founder, RooksDM |
|     | • Lorenzo Ball, VP of Data & Analytics, Ameritus |
|     | • Peter Sanderson, Chief Revenue Officer, Nelnet |
|     | • Robert Blackwell Jr., CEO, EKI-Digital / Killerspin |
|     | • Scott Henderson, Managing Director, NMotion |
|     | • Tim Clark, President & CEO, Clark Connection Group, Inc. |
|     | • Vasco Bridges III, CEO, JANO Technologies |
|     | • Vince Williams, President & CEO, Chicago Minority Supplier Development Council |
|     | • Virgil L Fluid, CEO, Carvir Group |
|     | • William Kunkler, Executive VP, CC Industries |
| 8. | California State University, Fresno, Dean, Lyles College of Engineering, Ram Nunna |
| 9. | Central Valley Community Foundation, President & CEO, Ashley Swearengin |
| 10. | City of Philadelphia, Commerce Director, Michael Rashid |
| 11. | Disability: IN, President & CEO, Jill Houghton |
| 12. | Endeavor Atlanta, Managing Director, Aaron Hurst |
| 13. | Fresno County Economic Development Corporation, President, William Oliver |
| 14. | Fresno Metro Black Chamber of Commerce, CEO, Tara Lynn Gray |
| 15. | Incubate |
| 16. | Independent Community Bankers of America, President & CEO, Rebeca Rainey |
| 17. | International Franchise Association (IFA) |
| 18. | Latino Business Action Network (LBAN) |
| 19. | National Asian/Pacific Islander American Chamber of Commerce & Entrepreneurship, CEO Chilling Tong and Board Chair Karen Eng |
| 21. | National Association for the Self-Employed (NASE), President & CEO, Keith Hall |
| 22. | National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO), President & CEO, Jen Earle |
| 24. | National Small Business Association (NSBA), President & CEO, Todd McCracken |
| 25. | NextGen Chamber of Commerce |
| 26. | NKY (Northern Kentucky) Chamber of Commerce, President & CEO, Brent Cooper – Sept. 2021 |
27. OPEN Chicago, President, Aamir Chalisa
28. Page 30 Coalition
29. Small Business Majority, Founder & CEO, John Arensmeyer
30. Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council, President & CEO, Karen Kerrigan — Sept. 2021
31. Small Business Roundtable (SBR), Co-Executive Directors, John Stanford and Rhett Buttle
32. Sutherland Institute, President & CEO, Rick Larsen — Jul. 2021
33. Texas AAPI Business Leaders Coalition, Co-Chairs Ying McGuire and Albert Shen — Aug. 2021
34. The United States Black Chambers, Inc. (USBC), President & CEO, Ron Busby
35. U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Exec. Vice President & Chief Policy Officer, Neil L. Bradley
36. University of California, Vice-Chancellor, Edward Klotzbier
37. Women Impacting Public Policy (WIPP), President & CEO, Candace Waterman

**Faith, Civic, & Community Organizations (Letters of Support)**

38. AAPI NC
39. AAPI Victory Alliance
40. AAPI Victory Fund
41. Advancing American Ideals
42. African American Ministers In Action
43. Allegheny East Conference
44. America Indivisible
45. American Friends Service Committee
46. American Jewish Committee (AJC)
47. American Jewish Congress
48. American Muslim Empowerment Network (AMEN)
49. American Muslim Health Professionals (AMHP)
50. Americans for Peace Now
51. Anti-Defamation League (ADL)
52. Auburn Seminary
53. Baskerville Institute, Utah
54. Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty (BJC)
55. Church World Service
56. Christian Unity and Interfaith Ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
57. The Episcopal Church Office of Ecumenical and Inter-religious Relations
58. Carolina Jews for Justice
59. Center for American Progress
60. Center for Disability Rights
61. Chinese Community Center, Houston
62. Demand Progress
63. Democratic Majority for Israel
64. Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Ministries
65. Emgage Foundation
66. Empowering Pacific Islander Communities (EPIC)
67. Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Ecumenical & Inter-Religious Relations, Office of the Presiding Bishop
68. Friends Committee on National Legislation
69. Good Citizen DFW
70. Harriet Tubman Learning Center, Georgia
71. India Heritage Group
72. Indian American Impact
73. Indivisible Northern NV
74. Interfaith Alliance
75. Islamic Networks Group (ING)
76. Islamic Society of Greater Association
77. Jewish Community Action
78. Jewish Democratic Council of America
79. Jewish Democratic Women’s Salon, Atlanta (JDWS)
80. Keshet
81. Latter-day Saints for Biden-Harris
82. LGBTQ Task Force Action Fund
83. Liberty SDA Church
84. Main Street Alliance
85. Mark McCleary Ministries
86. MomsRising
87. Moving Traditions
88. Muslim Advocates
89. Muslim Americans in Public Service
90. Muslim Public Affairs Council (MPAC)
91. National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)
92. National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development
93. National Council on Independent Living
94. National Employment Law Project
95. National Iranian American Council
96. National Urban League
97. National Women's Law Center
98. NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice
99. NHDP AAPI Caucus
100. Northridge Indivisible
101. Pakistani American Voter Registration Initiative
102. Peace Catalyst International
103. Presbyterian Church (USA) Office of Public Witness
104. Progressive National Baptist Convention Inc.
105. Rabbinical College of America
106. Reconstructing Judaism
107. Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association
108. Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism and Union for Reform Judaism
109. SABA-NC
110. Seek Jesus First Ministries
111. Service Employees Internation Union (SEIU)
112. Sojourners
113. Southern Poverty Law Center & SPLC Action Fund
114. The Daniel Initiative
115. The Fellowship of Affirming Ministries
116. The National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA
117. The United Methodist Church - General Board of Church and Society
118. United Church of Christ
119. US-Asia Links
120. Utah Muslim Civic League (UMCL)
121. Win Without War
122. Women of Faith DFW
Elected Representatives

123. Senator Mazie Hirono (HI)
124. Senator Tammy Duckworth (IL)
125. Congressman Ami Bera (CA-7)
126. Congressman Al Green (TX-9)
127. Congressman Josh Harder (CA-10)
128. Congresswoman Judy Chu (CA-27)
129. Congresswoman Anna Eshoo (CA-18)
130. Congressman Andy Kim (NJ-3)
131. Congressman Ted Lieu (CA-33)
132. Congresswoman Kaia‘i Kahele (HI-2)
133. Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi (IL-8)
134. Congresswoman Grace Meng (NY-6)
135. Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal (WA-7)
136. Congressman Ro Khanna (CA-17)
137. Congresswoman Barbara Lee (CA-13)
138. Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky (IL-9)
139. Congressman Mark Takano (CA-41)
140. Congresswoman Dina Titus (NV-1)
141. Congresswoman Norma Torres (CA-35)
142. Congresswoman Nydia Velázquez (NY-7); Chair, House Small Business Committee
143. Mayor of Fresno, California, Jerry Dyer
144. Mayor of San Jose, California, Sam Liccardo
145. State Senator Josh Becker, California State Legislature
146. State Senator David Min, California State Legislature
147. State Senator Richard Pan, California State Legislature
148. Assembly Member Marc Berman, California State Legislature
149. Assembly Member Richard Bloom, California State Legislature
150. Assembly Member Wendy Carrillo, California State Legislature
151. Assembly Member Ed Chau, California State Legislature
152. Assembly Member David Chiu, California State Legislature
153. Assembly Member Jesse Gabrial, California State Legislature
154. Assembly Member Steve Glazer, California State Legislature
155. Assembly Member Ash Karla, California State Legislature
156. Assembly Member Alex Lee, California State Legislature
157. Assembly Member Evan Low, California State Legislature
158. Assembly Member Adrian Nazarian, California State Legislature
159. Assembly Member Luz Rivas, California State Legislature
160. Assembly Member Miguel Santiago, California State Legislature
161. Assembly Member Mark Stone, California State Legislature
162. Assembly Member Phil Ting, California State Legislature
163. Senator Sheikh Rahman, Georgia State Senate
164. Representative Patrick Branco, Hawai‘i State Legislature
Community & Faith Leaders

166. AJ Durrani, Empowering Communities Initiative (ECI)
167. Andrew Lachman, DNC Member & President DFI-CA, Democrats for Israel California
168. Aneelah Afzali, Esq., Executive Director, American Muslim Empowerment Network (AMEN)
169. Arsalan Suleman, Board Chair, America Indivisible
170. Aryani Ong, Senior Advisor, Indonesian American Democrats
171. Bel Leong-Hong, Chair AAPI Caucus, Democratic National Committee
172. Breon Wells, Chairman, Economic Equity Roundtable
173. Christopher Kady, Lay Pastor, Seventh-Day Adventist Church
174. David Godwin, University of St Thomas
175. David Lee, AAPI Victory Fund Board Member
176. Dr. Ronald Williams Jr, Center for Urban Bioethics at Temple University
177. Dr. Cora Quisumbing-King, NHDP AAPI Caucus
178. Dr. Nusrat Ameen, Senior Director-Legal Services, Daya Houston
179. Deborah Price, Board Chair; Rori Picker Neiss, Executive Director, Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) of St. Louis, Missouri
180. Dr. Timothy Stewart, President, Progressive National Baptist Convention Inc.
181. John C. Yang, President & Executive Director, Asian Americans Advancing Justice (AAJC)
182. Hind Jarrah, PhD, NTIC North Texas Islamic Council
183. Irene Natividad, President, GlobeWomen Research & Education Institute
184. Katie Kalvoda, Founder, Asian Americans Rising
185. Keisha E. McKenzie, PhD, Senior VP of Programs, Auburn Seminary
186. Lala Wu, Executive Director, Sister District
187. Luisa Blue, Service Employees International Union
188. Maeley Tom, Co-founder, Association of Asian American Investment Managers
189. Matt Goldberg, Executive Director, Jewish Federations/JCRC of Louisville, Kentucky
190. May Y. Chen, Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance
191. Mayyer Thao, Board of Director, AAPI Coalition of Wisconsin
192. Michael Vazquez, Human Rights Campaign Religion & Faith Director
193. Naveed A. Shah, Common Defense
194. Pastor McCleary, Liberty 7th Day Adventist
195. Praveen Meyyan, Chair, Democratic Asian Americans of Virginia
196. Qaisar Q Imam, President, Asian American Pacific Islander American Public Affairs (APAPA)
197. Rabbi Amichai Lau-Lavie, Lab/Shul
198. Rabbi Andrea Goldstein, Congregation Shaare Emeth
199. Rabbi Doug Kahn, Exec. Dir. Emeritus, Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) San Francisco
200. Rabbi Emeritus Jeffrey R. Portman, Congregation Agudas Achim, Iowa City, Iowa
201. Rabbi Linda Bertenthal, Congregation Temple Emanuel, Davenport, Iowa
202. Rabbi Daniel Bogard, Central Reform Congregation
203. Rabbi Dayle Friedman, Congregation Shaare Emeth
204. Rabbi James M. Bennett, Congregation Shaare Emeth
205. Rabbi Jonah Dov Pesner, Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism
206. Rabbi Joshua Lesser, Congregation Bet Haverim
207. Rabbi Karen Bogard, Central Reform Congregation
208. Rabbi Moshe Herson, Dean, Rabbinical College of North America
209. Rabbi Meir Bargeron, Congregation Achduth Vesholom, Fort Wayne, Indiana
210. Rabbi Nancy Kasten, Faith Commons
211. Rabbi Susan Talve, Central Reform Congregation
212. Rev. Dr. Cassandra Gould, Executive Director, Missouri Faith Voices
213. Rev. Dr. Brian D. McLaren, Auburn Senior Fellows
214. Rev. Dr. Clay Brantley, Retreat House Spirituality Center
215. Ruth Catolico Ashley, Executive Director Emeritus, California LAW
216. Sister Patricia Ridgley, Sisters of St Mary
217. Stephanie Chang, Michigan State Senator, District 1
218. Tony Goins, Directors of Economic Development, Nebraska Dept. of Economic Development
219. Tung Nguyen, MD, AAPI Victory Fund, AAPI Victory Alliance
220. Unmi Song, President, Lloyd A. Fry Foundation
221. Valarie Kaur, The Revolutionary Love Project
222. Valerie Habif, Co-Founder Jewish Democratic Women’s Salon Atlanta (JDWS)
223. Wendy Lewis, Children’s Ministry Leader, Liberty S.D.A Church
224. Yvonne Y Lee, former Commissioner, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights

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