

Business, Civic, & Community Organizations
Endorsements & Letters of Support
for
Dilawar Syed
President Biden's Nominee for Deputy Administrator, U.S. Small Business Administration

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
4. Asian American Hotel Owners Association, Chairman- Vinay Patel – *Sept. 2021*
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 Fludd, 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
20. National Association of Government Guaranteed Lenders, President & CEO, Tony Wilkinson
21. National Association for the Self-Employed (NASE), President & CEO, Keith Hall
22. National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO), President & CEO, Jen Earle
23. National Black Chamber of Commerce, Chairman, Larry Ivory – *Sept. 2021*
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. [Congressman Kaiali'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 Gabilan, 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](#)
165. Rep. Nasif Majeed, North Carolina House of Representatives Dist. #99

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 Bertentha, Congregation Temple Emanuel, Davenport, Iowa
202. Rabbi Daniel Bogard, Central Reform Congregation
203. Rabbi Dayle Friedman, Congregation Bet Haverim
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. Ruthe 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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