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Shefali Razdan Duggal on Obama's re-election finance committee

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Longtime Democratic Party activist and raiser of funds Shefali Razdan Duggal, who has also been a delegate to Democratic Party's national conventions, has been appointed to President Barack Obama's 2012 re-election campaign's National Finance Committee. Political pundits have predicted that the finance committee will raise over \$1 billion, shattering all presidential fundraising records.

Duggal told *India Abroad*, "As I had been successful in raising funds for President Obama's 2008 election campaign and more broadly for both the DNC and Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee in 2008 and 2010, I had been identified as a potential fund-raiser for the 2012 campaign. But as the National Finance Committee is a limited group of selected individuals chosen both for their fundraising capacity and ability to reach out to a wide audience, I also benefited from my extensive network of Democratic supporters."

Bay Area, California-based Duggal added: "It's a true privilege to have been selected as a member of the National Finance Committee, which will be an integral part of his re-election campaign. Even though President Obama has accomplished a tremendous amount in his first term, there is still much left to do. I will be fully dedicated to help ensure that the President's re-election campaign is successful."

Recently, she was actively involved in Kamala Harris's



Shefali Razdan Duggal with President Barack Obama

campaign for the attorney general of California, which Harris won after a drawn-out and protracted recount. Duggal was one of Harris's major Indian-American fundraisers and organized at least two fundraising programs on Harris's behalf.

Duggal is a member of President Obama's Presidential Partners, and the Northern California Finance Committee for the President's 2012 reelection campaign. She is a member of the Democratic National Committee's Asian American Leadership Council and the DNC National Steering Committee.

She is also a member of the DCCC's chairman's council and a member of the Majority Council of Emily's List, an organization dedicated to electing Democratic women to all levels of the government.

Duggal is also a Committee member of Human Rights Watch, California Committee North, and serves on the Board of Directors of The Forgotten International.

During Obama's 2008 Presidential campaign, Duggal was a trustee for the DNC South Asian American Leadership Council. There she focused on South Asian and Young Professional outreach, co-hosting a number of fundraising events for both the Senator and his surrogates. She previously worked on Hillary Clinton's Presidential campaign as a member of the Northern California Steering Committee and the Women for Hillary Committee. In addition, she was an executive director of Indus Women

Leaders, a national South Asian women's organization, and is a graduate of Emerge, a political leadership training program for Democratic women. Duggal was also a board member of the Indian American Leadership Initiative, an organization focused on promoting South Asian political-

participation. Before she jumped into political activism, Duggal worked as a political analyst at Staton Hughes, a political strategy firm.

India-born Duggal immigrated to the US when she was a toddler. She has lived in Cincinnati, Chicago, New York and Boston. She is an alumna of New York University and Miami University of Ohio.