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Candidates Eyeing Congress Converge on California for Fundraisers

■ '2012 could be the year'

By SUNITA SOHRABJI
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Three of the nine Indian American candidates making bids for a U.S. congressional seat in 2012 converged at various Northern California venues last week to drum up support and funds for their campaigns.

"2012 could be the year when we see at least two or three Indian Americans in Congress. This is a historic occasion for our community," venture capitalist M.R. Rangaswami told *India-West* at a Nov. 14 fundraiser in San Francisco for Raja Krishnamoorthi, who is running for Congress from Illinois' 8th district.

"There are no Indian Americans in Congress. Given that the South Asian diaspora is numbering in the millions, it's time for us to get some representation," Krishnamoorthi told *India-West* in an



U.S. Congressional candidate Raja Krishnamoorthi of Illinois, center, is flanked by supporters Shefali Razdan Duggal.