



Shefali Razdan Duggal

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Shefali Duggal on key committee for Democratic National Convention

Shefali Razdan Duggal has been nominated to be on the National Credentials Committee for the 2012 Democratic National Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina, in September.

Duggal is a longtime Democratic Party activist who has proved to be one of the most effective raiser of funds in California for President Barack Obama's re-election campaign, raising nearly \$1 million. She has been a delegate or alternate to the Democratic National Party Conventions since 2000.

"There are only 31 people from around the country on the National Credentials Committee, including two co-chairs and four co-vice chairs," an elated Duggal told *India Abroad*. "I am so honored and immensely grateful to (*Democratic National Committee*) Chairwoman (*Debbie*) Wasserman Schultz for nominating me. My nomination has been approved to be on the committee as a party leader/elected official."

Duggal explained: "There are three main committees which oversee the Democratic National Convention — the Credentials Committee, the Platform Committee, and the Rules Committee — and I am so thrilled to be asked to serve on one of these important and influential committees. I believe that (*California Attorney General*) Kamala Harris (*one of the co-chairs of the Obama re-election campaign committee in California*) and I are the only two South Asian Americans on all three of the committees. I have also recently learned that I will be an at-large delegate to the



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Shefali Razdan Duggal with President Barack Obama

Democratic Convention, representing California.”

Her responsibilities on the committee will include, she said, “to determine and resolve questions concerning the seating of delegates and alternates to the convention. In fact, the report of the Credentials Committee is actually the first order of business for the convention. I can’t tell you how happy I am to be part of this small group selected.” Also being selected to be an at-large delegate representing her state at the convention, she said, “is doubly-thrilling, and this is particularly exciting for me because I had the honor of being an at-large delegate for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts at the 2000 Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles, and I remember *India Abroad* covering my participation then.”

She added: “I believe my commitment to the Democratic Party, across the federal, state and local levels over the last many years, has provided me with the privilege to play such an important role.”

Last year, Duggal was appointed to President Obama’s 2012 re-election campaign’s National Finance Committee by virtue of her successful fundraising for then senator Obama’s 2008 presidential election campaign, and also more broadly for the DNC and the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee in 2008 and 2010.

At the time, she told *India Abroad*, “As the National Finance Committee is a limited group of selected individuals chosen both for their fundraising capacity and ability to reach a wide audience, I also benefited from the extensive network of Democratic supporters I have

built over the last several years.”

Haridwar, Uttarakhand-born Duggal immigrated to the US at age 2 and is based in the San Francisco Bay Area. Two years ago, she was also actively involved in Kamala Harris’s campaign for attorney general of California. Duggal was a major raiser of funds for Harris and organized at least two fundraisers on Harris’s behalf.

Duggal is also a member of President Obama’s Presidential Partners, a member of the Democratic National Committee Asian American Leadership Council, and the DNC National Steering Committee. She serves on the DCCC’s Chairman’s Council and is a member of the Majority Council of Emily’s List, an organization dedicated to electing Democratic women to all levels of government.

She 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, where she focused on South Asian and young professional outreach, co-hosting fundraising events for both Obama and his surrogates. She previously worked with Hillary Clinton’s presidential campaign as a member of the campaign’s Northern California Steering Committee, and the Women for Hillary Committee.

She was 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 the fray of full-time political activism and fundraising, Duggal worked as a political analyst at political strategy firm Staton Hughes, and worked for the MA Democratic Party, the NH Democratic party, and Senators Ted Kennedy and Dianne Feinstein.