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Democratic Party Activist Named to Finance Committee

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Political activist Shefali Razdan Duggal has been named to the Democratic National Finance Committee and will raise funds for President Barack Obama's 2012 re-election campaign.

Duggal – who earlier raised funds for Obama's 2008 campaign – has also been named a "Presidential Partner," under a new program of the Democratic National Committee which secures \$75,800 per donor, the maximum allowed by law over a two-year period.

Of that amount, \$5,000 is pledged to the Obama Victory Fund, \$61,600 to the DNC and

an additional \$9,200 to be used in statewide races, reported Bloomberg News. Presidential Partners are invited to campaign briefings that may also be attended by the president.

"It is a true privilege to have been selected to be a member of President Obama's National Finance Committee," Duggal told **India-West** in an e-mail. "Though President Obama has accomplished a tremendous amount in his first term, there is still much left to do and I will be fully dedicated to help ensure that the president's re-election campaign is successful," she said.

Duggal – an early Obama supporter – has served as trustee for the DNC's South Asian Ameri-

can Leadership Council. More recently, Duggal served on the Finance Committee for California Attorney General Kamala Harris's campaign. She was later appointed to Harris's transition team, where she serves on the civil rights committee. Harris is the nation's first-ever Indian American elected to the post of attorney general.

The San Francisco, Calif.-based Duggal, who received her master's degree in political communication from New York University, is a board member of the Indian American Leadership Initiative, which worked to promote seven South Asian American Democrats running for Congress in 2010.



Shefali Razdan Duggal with President Barack Obama in 2008.