



*Shefali Razdan Duggal*

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## Two Indian American Fundraisers Invited to State Dinner



Shefali Razdan Duggal was invited to the State Dinner along with Azita Raji. (wikimedia commons photo)

### *WASHINGTON, United States*

President Barack Obama invited two of his top Indian American fundraisers to a select group of guests for a State Dinner hosted in honor of his French counterpart Francois Hollande.

Shefali Razdan Duggal and Azita Raji, both from California, were invited Feb. 11 to the first State Dinner of Obama's second presidential term.

While Duggal is a member of the Democratic National Committee's National Finance Committee and is a co-chair for the DNC Women's Leadership Forum, Raji is

a member of the President's Commission on White House Fellowships.

Duggal is on the White House Council of Women and Girls and is currently a co-chair for the Ready for Hillary PAC (Political Action Committee).

At the State Dinner, Karen Narasaki, an American civil rights leader and human rights activist, was accompanied by Indian American Vivek Malhotra, director, Civil and Human Rights, Ford Foundation, as per the list of guests released by the White House.

The dinner was attended by the who's who of America along with members of the Obama's Cabinet, top officials, lawmakers and members of the French delegation led by Hollande.

"Viva la France, God bless America, and long live the alliance between our great nations," Obama said delivering a delivered a light-hearted toast.

"We love the United States and you love the French, although you're sometimes too shy to say so," Hollande said to laughs, according to his translator.

The State Dinner was held in a tent on the South Lawn of the White House.