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An experienced philanthropic activist, community leader, and educator committed to strengthening America

| Non-Profit Leader | Grassroots Community Philanthropist | Civil Rights Advocate | Democratic Party Activist |

Executive Profile

As a resourceful and compassionate grassroots community philanthropist, I have spent the last 20 years serving the public. Through efforts in education and Muslim women empowerment, while serving as the chair to the International Leadership Foundation and the delegate to the 45th Congressional District in the 2012 and 2016 Democratic National Conventions, I am committed to challenging stereotypes and bigotry. Together, I seek to leverage my diverse civic and government experience into an advocacy, government relations, or government affairs position, either domestically or internationally.

Executive Experience

Chief Executive Officer

January 2009 - Present

American Muslim and Interfaith Women's Empowerment Council – Irvine, California

- Oversee all day-to-day operations while tackling issues that women are uniquely positioned to address.
- Empower women to become leaders in their communities and serve as their first line of defense.
- Nurture relationships between law enforcement and Muslim and interfaith communities.
- Develop mentorship programs for Muslim girls to work in law enforcement and in government offices.
- Enhance relations between U.S. – Pakistan and U.S. – South Asian communities through engagement programs.
- Partner with Meals on Wheels to provide kosher and halal meals to the elderly during COVID-19.
- Founded the organization in 2009 at the inaugural conference with hundreds of Muslim women in attendance.

Chief Executive Officer

November 2014 - Present

CALPAK Education Services – Irvine, California

- Serve disadvantaged students in Pakistan to ensure all children in the region receive 12 years of quality education.
- Aid the indigenous areas of Sindh by providing curricula, uniforms, supplies, and teacher screenings.
- Collaborate with Rotary to raise awareness about polio by eradicating it in Karachi, Shirin Jinnah Colony.
- Adopt several local schools, i.e. Qurtaba Primary School, to ensure adequate resources are available.
- Partner with California Southern University to offer online, U.S. accredited certificates for Pakistan students.
- Co-founded this 501c3 nonprofit in 2014.

Education Experience

English Teacher

August 2004 – Present

Lawndale Elementary School – Lawndale, California

- Teach English in a diverse, low income school district while enhancing students' multicultural experience.
- Develop curriculum on inclusion and utilize interfaith books to combat Islamophobia and anti-Semitism.
- Joined President Obama's White House Commission on bullying from 2008 onwards.

Volunteer Experience

Co-Chair, Joe Biden's Campaign National Council <i>AAPI Finance Council</i>	January 2020 – November 2020
Board Member and CALPAK Partner <i>California Southern University</i>	January 2018 – Present
Chairwoman <i>International Leadership Foundation</i>	January 2008 – Present
Program Advisor and Board Member <i>Olive Tree Initiative</i>	January 2010 – December 2020
Founder and President <i>Irvine Pakistani Parents Association</i>	January 2009 – December 2012
Commissioner <i>Irvine Pakistani Parents Association</i>	January 2014 – December 2016
Board of Trustees <i>Irvine Public Schools Foundation</i>	January 2011 – December 2014

Education and Continuing Education

Doctor of Business Administration
California Southern University
Costa Mesa, California
2021

Master of Education
Concordia University-Irvine
Irvine, California
2004

Master of Arts in English Literature
University of Karachi
Karachi, Pakistan
1991

Bachelor of Arts in English
University of Karachi
Karachi, Pakistan
1989

Recognition

- ✓ City of Irvine Mayor's Leadership Award
- ✓ Dr. Donald Hecht Philanthropy and Service Award
- ✓ FBI Citizen's Academy Model Citizen Award
- ✓ First Muslim Woman Democrat to Run for Office Recognition Award
- ✓ Indo-American Lions Club Award for Interfaith Leadership
- ✓ International Leadership Foundation Award
- ✓ LAPD Leadership Recognition Award
- ✓ LA County's Mayor Recognition Award
- ✓ New Leaders Award
- ✓ Olive Tree Initiative Recognition Certificate
- ✓ President Obama's Volunteer Service Award
- ✓ Rep. Judy Chu's Congressional Leadership Certificate
- ✓ Rep. Loretta Sanchez's Certificate of Recognition
- ✓ Rep. Maxine Waters' Congressional Leadership Recognition
- ✓ Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee's Certificate of Recognition
- ✓ SARA 4 Hope Interfaith Leadership Recognition
- ✓ South Asian Women's Leadership Recognition

Publications

- Ali, Anila, et al. *Building Interdisciplinary Partnerships to Prevent Violent Extremism*, 2015.
- Ali, Anila. *Mommy Am I A...?*, 2015.
- Ali, Anila. *How to Engage and Stop the Radicalization of Muslims in the U.S.*, 2016.