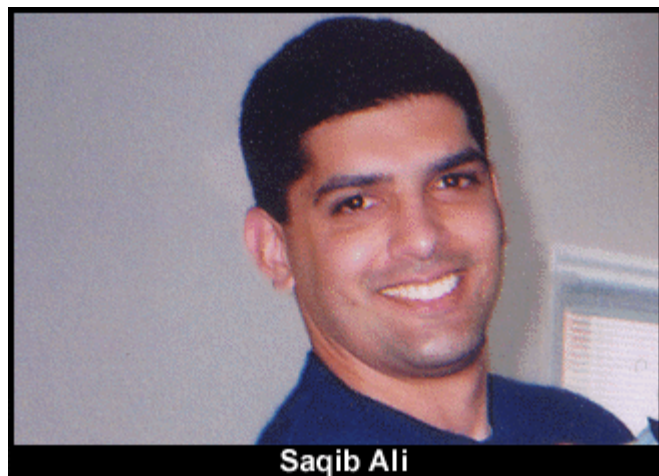


SAQIB ALI

DEMOCRAT FOR DELEGATE, DISTRICT 39

"Fresh Ideas, Bold Vision, Strong Leadership"



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MONTGOMERY COUNTY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION ENDORSES SAQIB ALI FOR DISTRICT 39 DELEGATE

At a press conference held in Rockville, MD today, The Montgomery County Education Association (MCEA) announced its endorsement of Saqib Ali, Democratic candidate for Maryland State Delegate from Legislative District 39. This much sought-after endorsement caps Saqib Ali's vigorous campaign on behalf of educators and the county's children.

"This is thrilling for me," Ali said following the announcement. "Everybody talks about education. Everybody has different ideas about improving education. But nobody knows more about what's going on in our classrooms and what's needed in our schools than the teachers, counselors and other professionals who work with children every day. I am honored to have earned their confidence and look forward to advocating for educational issues in Annapolis. I am tremendously grateful to the many teachers who worked very hard to secure this endorsement."

Educational issues form a central plank in Saqib Ali's campaign platform. A successful software engineer, he appreciates the benefits of quality education, and in preparation for his campaign he interviewed dozens of educators and parents to learn firsthand about the challenges that children and teachers face in the classroom every day. On January 30th, he accompanied an MCEA contingent to Annapolis to lobby legislators to improve the state's woeful teacher pension system.

The MCEA is a union representing more than 10,500 classroom teachers, guidance counselors, speech pathologists, media specialists, and other educators in the Montgomery County Public Schools. MCEA members each day touch the lives of 132,000 children and lead efforts at both the school and the county levels to redesign curricula and procedures, improve the learning environment, and steadily raise the standards of public education. The MCEA publishes a well known election-day voter-guide known as the "**apple ballot**" recommending its endorsees.

Saqib Ali was born on January 21, 1975 in Chicago to a South Asian immigrant family that had arrived in America a few years earlier. He has lived in Montgomery County since 1991 when he moved here to attend college. He received Bachelors & Masters degrees in Computer Science from the University of Maryland, College Park. He has been married to his wife Susan since 1999. As newly-weds they lived in a beautiful and quiet community in Montgomery Village. They now live in Gaithersburg with their 1-month old daughter Sofia. Ali's parents and sister, also long-time Montgomery County residents, live nearby. He is employed as a Senior Software Engineer by The Mitre Corporation in McLean, VA. When elected, Ali will be the only engineer among all 188 legislators in the Maryland General Assembly.

Saqib Ali is a passionate community advocate and urges all his friends and neighbors to be actively involved in the affairs of their communities, schools, county, state and federal governments. In his spare time he enjoys playing basketball and bicycling. Please visit his website www.AliForDelegate.com to learn more about the campaign.

Friends and supporters of Good Government are encouraged to donate to the campaign by visiting <http://www.AliForDelegate.com/donate.htm>

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