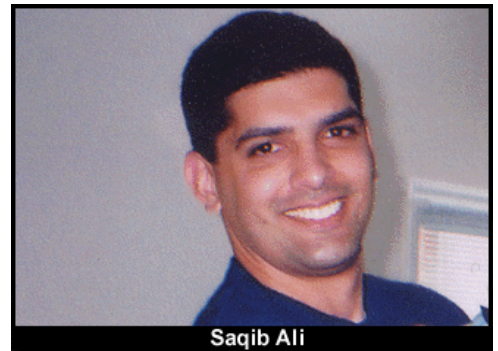


SAQIB ALI

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SAQIB ALI DECLARES CANDIDACY FOR HOUSE OF DELEGATES, RAISES FUNDS – ENDORSED BY COUNTY COUNCILMEMBER STEVE SILVERMAN

Saqib Ali, a long-time community activist and resident of North Potomac, declared his candidacy for the Maryland House of Delegates on September 24. Ali intends to seek one of three Democratic nominations for Delegate in Legislative District 39 which includes Montgomery Village, Washington Grove and parts of Gaithersburg, Derwood, Germantown and North Potomac. The announcement was made before a crowd of over 100 supporters at Ali's first fundraiser, during which he raised \$11,000. Also at the event, Montgomery County Councilmember Steve Silverman surprised those in attendance by presenting Ali with a generous campaign contribution. Then, to the crowd's enthusiastic applause, Silverman publicly endorsed Ali's candidacy as he spoke of Ali's energy, dedication and leadership.

Saqib Ali, 30, engaged the crowd as he spoke of his bold vision for Maryland's future, his deep commitment to civic service and an abiding patriotism that has called him to seek public office. He went on to highlight the need for elected officials to be accountable and responsive to the public they serve. "When I take my seat in the General Assembly, I will not be sitting there alone, rather, every resident of District 39 will have a seat with me" declared Ali. He emphasized that as a lawmaker he would work to protect the county from over-development, fight against the legalization of slot machines, and find ways to counter rising gang activity in the county.

Born in Chicago, to immigrant parents, Ali has lived in Montgomery County since 1991. He holds both Bachelors & Masters degrees in Computer Science from the University of Maryland. He is currently employed as a Senior Software Engineer by The Mitre Corporation in McLean, Virginia, where he works on classified national security projects. Married since 1999, he and his wife, Susan, live in North Potomac.

Saqib Ali has been deeply involved in Montgomery County politics and civic life for years:

- He is co-Chairperson of the Longdraft Road Coalition.
- He was the first elected President of the District 39 Democratic Club.
- He was the Legislative District 39 Coordinator for the Howard Dean presidential campaign in 2003 & early 2004.
- He worked full-time for Congressman Chris Van Hollen's General Re-election campaign in 2004.
- He was Co-Chair of the Montgomery County Democratic Spring Ball in 2004

Saqib Ali, a passionate community advocate, urges everyone in the community to be actively involved in the affairs of their neighborhoods, schools, county, state and federal governments. In his spare time he enjoys playing basketball and bicycling. More information can be found on his website: www.SaqibAli.org.

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