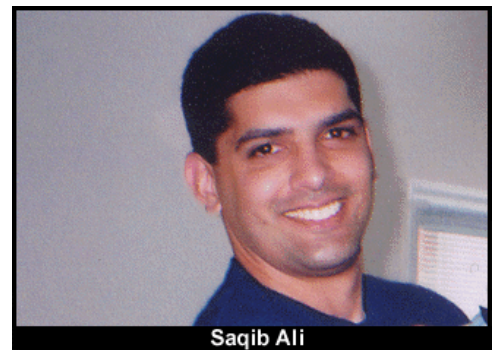


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“Fresh Ideas, Bold Vision, Strong Leadership”

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SAQIB ALI CHALLENGES OTHER CANDIDATES TO FORGO PAC/CORPORATE MONEY – BE ACCOUNTABLE TO THE VOTERS, NOT THE SPECIAL INTERESTS

This week Saqib Ali, Democratic candidate for Maryland House of Delegates (District 39), unveiled a bold plan to bring accountability and real, responsive leadership to the Maryland legislature. Ali, attending his second major fundraiser in less than 30 days, announced that his grassroots campaign would forgo any financial contributions by Political Action Committees (PACs) and corporations. Then, to enthusiastic applause, he challenged the other District 39 candidates to do the same, urging them to be accountable to the voters and not the special interests.

Ali raised \$4,000, as over 50 people packed the room at the Tandoori Nights restaurant in Gaithersburg on October 23rd to witness his no-PAC pledge and hear him speak about his “Good Government” platform:

- No to overdevelopment.
- No to slot machine gambling.
- Yes to reform of the legislative scholarship program.
- Yes to publicly financed election campaigns.
- Yes to voter-verified receipts.

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, former residents of Montgomery Village, now live in North Potomac.

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

- Co-Chairperson of the Longdraft Road Coalition; fighting to preserve a quiet residential neighborhood, protect sensitive parklands and save Montgomery County \$11 million.
- First elected President of the District 39 Democratic Club.
- Legislative District 39 Coordinator for the Howard Dean presidential campaign in 2003 & early 2004.
- Worked full-time for Congressman Chris Van Hollen's General Re-election campaign in 2004.
- 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.AliForDelegate.com.

Friends and Supporters of Good Government are encouraged to donate at

www.AliForDelegate.com/donate.htm.

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