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Top Skills

Healthcare

Strategic Relationships

Advertising

Languages

Farsi (Native or Bilingual)

Spanish (Full Professional)

English (Native or Bilingual)

French (Native or Bilingual)

Honors-Awards

University of Houston Law Center
Immigration Clinic Arrival Award

Outstanding Service Award
2021 - IABA 7th Annual National
Conference

Community Champion Award 2018

Texas Organizing Project,
Community Champions Honoree

Houston's 50 Most Influential
Women of 2020-2021

Publications

Biden's Immigration Plan Gives US a
Chance to Heal

DACA health care workers needed to
fight coronavirus

Sima Ladjevardian

Presidential Appointee, Attorney, Business Owner, and Former U.S.
Congressional Candidate

Greater Houston

Summary

Sima Ladjevardian was appointed as Chair of the National Women's Business Council in pursuit of lifting up women and advancing women's entrepreneurship and presence in the business world. She previously served as the Regional Director for the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). She was appointed by President Biden in 2021 to represent HHS in Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas and 68 Federally Recognized tribes.

Sima Ladjevardian and her family escaped the political upheaval of 1970's Iran to pursue the American dream. After graduating from the University of California, Los Angeles and the University of California Hastings School of Law, Ladjevardian devoted her life to helping immigrants and families navigate the legal system while also empowering a new generation of immigrants to claim their place at the table in Houston's business and political communities.

She has worked diligently to ensure all Americans were afforded the same opportunities as she was given. As a community activist as well as an attorney, Sima has worked to help especially other immigrants and women attain the same opportunities that she had and to bring together communities across Houston and Texas to create a more equitable city, state, and country. As a cancer survivor she has worked closely with various organizations advocating for healthcare and health justice for everyone.

As a political activist, she worked to elect a diverse slate of leaders up and down the ticket and was asked to use her political acumen and organizing ability to help elect Beto O'Rourke to the United States Senate. Sima served as a Senior Advisor and Finance Chair to O'Rourke, assisting him on everything from fundraising to engaging communities of color across Texas.

Sima ran for Congress in 2020 against Dan Crenshaw, building one of the largest Democratic campaigns in a battleground district in the country and raising a record amount of money for a Democratic candidate.

Experience

Harris for President

Texas Finance Chair and NFC member
August 2024 - Present (4 months)

National Women's Business Council Chair

August 2023 - Present (1 year 4 months)
Washington, District of Columbia, United States

Museum of Fine Arts, Houston Member Board Of Trustees

July 2010 - Present (14 years 5 months)
Houston, Texas, United States

Founded the Art of the Islamic World Initiative to educate and promote dialogue through Art.

Earthstone Colours

Vice President
June 2012 - Present (12 years 6 months)
United States

Biden for President

Texas Finance Chair and NFC member
August 2023 - July 2024 (1 year)

US Federal Government

Regional Director for the U.S Department of Health and Human Services
December 2021 - August 2023 (1 year 9 months)
United States

Harris County

Precinct Chair- Precinct 274
January 2018 - November 2021 (3 years 11 months)

Houston, Texas

Ladjevardian & Associates

Attorney/Mediator/Consulting

January 2012 - November 2021 (9 years 11 months)

Houston, Texas Area

Sima for Texas

U.S. Congressional Candidate

December 2019 - November 2020 (1 year)

Houston, Texas, United States

Beto for America

National Senior Advisor

March 2019 - November 2019 (9 months)

Beto for Texas

Senior Advisor and Finance Chair for Beto for Senate

March 2017 - November 2018 (1 year 9 months)

Hillary for America

1 year

National Finance Committee Member

2015 - November 2016 (1 year)

AAPI Finance Council Member

2015 - November 2016 (1 year)

NOVO Industries, Inc.

General Counsel

January 1993 - December 1996 (4 years)

Bracewell & Patterson

Associate Attorney- Corporate Development

January 1990 - December 1993 (4 years)

Education

University of California, Hastings College of the Law

Doctor of Law - JD

University of California, Los Angeles
Bachelor of Arts - BA, Business/economics

University of California, Los Angeles
Bachelor's degree, Business/ Economics