

SIMA JANDAGHI LADJEVARDIAN

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POLITICAL EXPERIENCE

Democratic Candidate, Texas' Congressional District 2 | December 2019 - November 2020

- Raised \$4,000,000 in the most expensive Congressional race in Texas
- Established close relationships with elected officials, national organizations, celebrities, and community leaders
- Garnered national coverage in the *Washington Post*, *BBC*, *Vogue*, and other national outlets
- Led a staff of 15, 30 interns and 1000 volunteers from around the Country

National Finance Committee Member, Biden for America | 2020

National Delegate, Biden for America | 2020

Senior National Advisor, Beto for America | February 2019 – November 2019

- Spearheaded and directed all aspects of Texas outreach
 - Acted a primary liaison with elected officials, delegates, community and faith leaders, political and grassroots organizations in the state
- Worked directly with National Political Director and Delegates director on translating best practices from Senate campaign nationwide
- Advised campaign on Constituency outreach – Women, African American, AAPI, Latino
- Acted as de-facto Finance Chair of campaign, raising close to 1 million dollars
- Served as surrogate, traveling in place of Candidate

Senior Advisor and Campaign Finance Liaison, Beto for Senate | 2016 – 2018

- Oversaw and supervised all aspects of the campaign in Greater Houston Area (Houston, Katy, Sugarland and The Woodlands), including special events
- Spearheaded all fundraisers in the Greater Houston area and served as Liaison to major donors throughout the U.S, which raised around \$8 million
 - Created and implemented fundraising programs which included over 37 fundraising events with Principal, regional email solicitations, one on one meetings, provided targeted calls for Principal and Senior Staff
 - Maintained constant engagement with donors and prospective donors in all the various communities
- Supervised all the various outreach programs and oversaw all outreach directors - African American, AAPI, Latinx and the various faith communities.
 - Organized an Advisory Council for each community comprised of leaders within each community to help promote Principal to their various constituents.
- Acted as a liaison with all elected officials and state and local parties; supervised relations with all the various communities and local grassroots organizations
- Served as surrogate, traveling in place of Candidate throughout Texas

Chair of Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking, Brian Middleton District Attorney | 2017 – 2019

- Chaired the transition team, helped with fundraising efforts, researched and implemented best practices
- Liaised with all local organizations involved with human trafficking and the District Attorney's office
- Coordinated with other County's human trafficking departments

Precinct Chair, Precinct 274 | 2018 – Present

- Identify and register voters in precinct; organize canvassing and GOTV; inform voters about political events

Member Finance Transition Committee, Lina Hidalgo for County Judge | 2018

National Finance Committee Member, Hillary for America | 2014 – 2016

- Organized and assisted in fundraising for the campaign

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

***Board Member, Houston Women's Commission* | 2021-Present**

- Help advance equality and equity for women

***Board Member, AAPI Victory Alliance* | 2021-Present**

- Help build AAPI political power

***Board Member/Development Committee Member, Every Texan* | 2018 – Present**

- Promote and fundraise to help their mission of strengthening public policy to expand opportunity and equity for Texans of all backgrounds

***Co-founder, The Texas Signal* | 2018-2019**

- Advised and fundraised for Progressive Media Company

***Co-Founder, Texas Progressive Executive Council* | 2016 – 2019**

- Organized a coalition of progressive individuals and non-partisan organizations to support candidates at the local level who align with the group's positions
- Promoted civic and political engagement in historically apolitical communities

***Executive Host Committee, Democratic National Convention* | 2018 – 2019**

- Helped spearhead effort and fundraised to bring the Democratic National Convention to Houston

***Co-Founder, Big Hearted Texas* | 2016 – Present**

- Promote productive progressive discourse amongst its over 1,000 members to promote Civic Engagement
- Organize events and speakers to educate and inform the public about important issues facing the city and the country at large

***Trustee, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston* | 2009 – Present**

- Co-Founder and Co-Chair of the Art of the Islamic Worlds Initiative
- Co-Chaired various fundraising events culminating in over \$10 million in six year.
- Helped structure and promote many exhibitions and cultural events

***Board Member/Co-Founder, Society of Iranian American Women of Houston* | 1999 – Present**

- Provide scholarships and endowments in all institutions of higher learning in Texas
- Organize social, educational and fundraising events including the Iranian film festival at the MFAH

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

***Attorney at Law, Solo Practitioner* | 1998 – 2019**

- Mediation; Business Litigation; Family Law; Consulting

***General Counsel, Novo Industries, Inc.* | 1993 – 1996**

***Associate Attorney – Corporate Development, Bracewell & Patterson* | 1990 – 1993**

LICENSES, CERTIFICATIONS

- Licensed Supreme Court of Texas; Licensed Supreme Court of California; Certified Mediator, by A.A. White Dispute Resolution Institute; Certified Family Law Mediator by the Houston Dispute Resolution Center

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Bar Association; State Bar of Texas; Houston Bar Association; Member of the Phi Alpha Delta honors society

CAMPAIGN ENDORSEMENTS

- EMILY's List, Foreign Policy for America, Gifford's PAC, End Citizens United, Planned Parenthood, NARAL, Human Right Campaign, ASPIRE PAC, Brady PAC, Emgage, AAPI Victory Fund, Asian American Action Fund, the Congressional Black Caucus, BOLD Democrats, and AFL-CIO
- President-Elect Biden, President Barack Obama, Senator Cory Booker, Senator Elizabeth Warren, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Senator Tim Kaine, Secretary Julian Castro, Beto O'Rourke, Congresswoman Katie Porter, Congressman Adam Schiff, Chairman Hakeem Jeffries, Congresswoman Grace Meng, Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, Congressman Al Green, Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, Congresswoman Sylvia Garcia, and Mayor Sylvester Turner

RECOGNITIONS

- Iranian American Bar Association, Outstanding Service Award 2021
- University of Houston Law Center, Arrival Award Recipient 2019
- Texas Organizing Project, Community Champions Honoree 2018
- University of Houston Women's Studies, Table Talk Conversationalist 2018

EDUCATION

Juris Doctor, University of California, Hastings College of Law- San Francisco, CA | 1989

- Cum laude; Phi Delta Phi; Dickinson International Law Society

Bachelor of Arts, Economics and Business, University of California- Los Angeles, CA | 1985

- Cum laude; Dean's List

LANGUAGES

Fluent in French, Spanish, and Farsi