



The Connected PAC of PAAIA

About IAPAC

IAPAC is the registered bipartisan connected political action committee of the Public Affairs Alliance of Iranian Americans (PAAIA). IAPAC contributes to candidates for public office who are attuned to the concerns of the Iranian American community. In addition, IAPAC supports and encourages Iranian Americans to actively participate in the U.S. democratic process and run for public office.

Congressional candidates supported by IAPAC have an exceptional track record on the domestic issues of importance to the Iranian American community, have articulated a readiness to engage and work with Iranian Americans, or are in a position to have influence over the legislative issues of concern to the community. Iranian American candidates supported by IAPAC have demonstrated their commitment to public service, are running viable campaigns, and embrace their heritage. Foreign policy issues are not taken into consideration for supporting or opposing a particular candidate.

Our Mission

- To support and promote the election of candidates for federal, state and local office, regardless of party affiliation, who are attuned to the needs and issues of the Iranian American community
- To support and promote Iranian American participation in civic affairs

Role of IAPAC

- The reality of American political system is that it is dependent on financial contributions. Political Action Committees are an important part of the American political process.
- As a critical tool in PAAIA's influence building efforts, IAPAC contributions are a means of access to discuss policy positions and/or educate our elected officials, assuring that our message is heard on Capitol Hill, and a way to establish long term relationships with influential lawmakers.
- IAPAC's support of Iranian American candidates not only helps increase the voice of Iranian Americans in the electoral process, but also complements efforts to project a positive image of Iranian Americans to the general public and to encourage Iranian American participation in the American civic process.

Support for Candidates & Party Committees

- IAPAC has contributed \$338K to 75 candidates and all Congressional Party Committees.
- IAPAC has helped raise over \$3.8 million for its endorsed candidates and committees by encouraging Iranian Americans to individually support their campaigns.
- IAPAC has supported a total of 28 Iranian Americans running for local, state and federal office and has helped raise over \$650K for their campaigns.
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- Notable Iranian American candidates for local office that IAPAC has supported and have been elected to office include, but are not limited to, Jimmy Delshad (first IA Mayor from Beverly hill), Ross Mirkarimi (First IA to be elected as Sheriff - San Francisco), and Cyrus Habib (first IA to be elected to a State Legislature -WA).
- The complete list of candidates and party committees supported by IAPAC is available at <http://iapac.paaia.org/>

PAC Facts

- A PAC may only receive contributions from U.S. citizens or permanent residents who are eighteen years or older. Foreign nationals are prohibited from contributing to a PAC.
- A PAC is prohibited from accepting contributions from corporations and labor unions.
- Any contribution more than \$100.00 must be received via check or written instrument.
- A PAC may receive up to \$5,000 per calendar year from a legal contributor for its federal account.
- The maximum contribution to a federal candidate from a PAC is \$5,000 per election.
- A PAC may give \$15,000 per year to a national party committee.
- A PAC must register with the Federal Election Commission within 10 days of its formation, providing name and address for the PAC, its treasurer, and any connected organizations.

Organizational Structure

IAPAC is steered by a Board of Directors. Each member of the Board shall be of majority age, a citizen or permanent resident of the United States, and a Member of PAAIA. A joint nominating committee of outgoing IAPAC Board Members and outgoing PAAIA Board members selects members of the Board.

How to get involved

- For further information about IAPAC, including information about the candidates that IAPAC support, contact info@iarnianamericanpac.org.
- You may also support IAPAC by becoming a member of PAAIA and be a part of creating a credible voice for the Iranian American community.
- To become a member of PAAIA, please fill out the online Membership Application at: http://www.paaia.org/cs/get_involved

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