

FEDERAL ELECTED OFFICIALS

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KAMALA HARRIS

CATAPULTED TO THE WHITE HOUSE

Kamala Harris is a politician and attorney who served as the 49th Vice President of the United States (2021-2025). A Democrat, she previously served as a U.S. senator from California and the state's 32nd attorney general. Born in Oakland, California, to Indian cancer researcher Shyamala Gopalan and Jamaican economist Donald J. Harris, she became the first woman, the first Black American, and the first person of Indian descent to serve as U.S. Vice President and has often spoken proudly of her Indian heritage.



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BOBBY JINDAL

FIRST INDIAN AMERICAN GOVERNOR

Bobby Jindal is an American politician who became the first Indian American governor in U.S. history, serving as the 55th Governor of Louisiana (2008-2016). A Republican, he previously served as U.S. Representative for Louisiana's 1st congressional district (2005-2008) and Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (2001-2003). Born in Louisiana to Indian immigrant parents, Jindal was also the first Indian American to run for U.S. president in 2015.



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AMI BERA

LONGEST-SERVING INDIAN AMERICAN IN CONGRESS

Ami Bera, a physician and Democratic politician, has represented California's 6th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives since 2013. The longest-serving Indian American in Congress, he is the son of Indian immigrants and earned both his B.S. and M.D. from the University of California, Irvine. Before entering politics, Bera practiced internal medicine, served as chief medical officer of Sacramento County, and taught at the University of California, Davis. He is on the House Foreign Affairs Committee and the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.



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SHRI THANEDAR

SCIENTIST TURNED U.S. CONGRESSMAN

Shri Thanedar's journey from Belagavi, Karnataka, to US Capitol Hill reflects a remarkable blend of scientific achievement, entrepreneurship, and public service. After studying chemistry in India and earning a Ph.D. from the University of Akron, he built a successful business in the chemical testing industry before entering politics. A Democrat, Thanedar served in the Michigan House of Representatives before being elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 2022, where he represents Michigan's 13th Congressional District. He serves on the House Homeland Security and House Agriculture committees.



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RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

CHAMPIONING INNOVATION AND PUBLIC SERVICE

Raja Krishnamoorthi is an Indian American attorney and Democratic Congressman representing Illinois's 8th Congressional District since 2017. Raised in Peoria, after his family immigrated from India, he graduated summa cum laude in mechanical engineering from Princeton and earned a law degree from Harvard. Before entering Congress, he served as Illinois deputy treasurer and led technology businesses. He sits on the House Intelligence and Oversight committees and became the first South Asian to chair a congressional committee. He ran this year for US Senator from his state, but lost to Lt Governor Juliana Stratton.



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RO KHANNA

SILICON VALLEY'S VOICE IN CONGRESS

Representing the heart of Silicon Valley, Ro Khanna has emerged as a leading advocate for technology, manufacturing, and economic innovation in the U.S. House of Representatives. Elected in 2016, the Democratic lawmaker serves California's 17th Congressional District. Born in Philadelphia to parents of Indian origin, he studied at the University of Chicago and Yale Law School, taught economics at Stanford, and served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce during the Obama administration. He serves on the House Armed Services, Oversight and Accountability, and Select Committee on Strategic Competition with the Chinese Communist Party.



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PRAMILA JAYAPAL

FIRST INDIAN AMERICAN WOMAN IN US HOUSE

Arriving in the US from India at age 16, Pramila Jayapal went on to become the first South Asian American woman elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. Since 2017, the Democrat has represented Washington's 7th Congressional District, covering most of Seattle. A graduate of Georgetown University and Northwestern University, she founded OneAmerica, among the nation's largest immigrant advocacy organizations. In Congress, she serves on the House Judiciary, Foreign Affairs, and Budget committees and is Chair Emerita of the Congressional Progressive Caucus.



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SUHAS SUBRAMANYAM

TRAILBLAZER FROM VIRGINIA

The son of Indian immigrants, Suhas Subramanyam became the first Indian American elected to Congress from Virginia. Elected in 2025, he represents Virginia's 10th District in the U.S. House of Representatives. A Democrat, he previously served in the Virginia House of Delegates and the Virginia Senate after working as a White House technology policy adviser during the Obama administration. A graduate of Tulane University and Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, Subramanyam has focused on technology, economic opportunity, and constituent services throughout his public career.

