

Kiran Gill

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Kiran Gill is the Executive Director of the Sikh American Legal Defense and Education Fund (SALDEF). SALDEF is a national Sikh American media, policy, and educational organization. SALDEF's mission is to empower Sikh Americans by building dialogue, deepening understanding, promoting civic and political participation, and upholding social justice and religious freedom for all Americans. Ms. Gill has been doing advocacy work for over 10 years including providing Sikh Awareness training to over 2000 law enforcement officers and helping to establish the SikhLEAD New Jersey program which encourages civic engagement among Sikh students. Prior to her role as Executive Director, Ms. Gill was president and CEO of PARS Environmental, Inc. a full service environmental consulting firm based in Robbinsville, NJ. In 2014, Ms. Gill was selected as "Small Business Person of the Year" by the US Small Business Administration. Ms. Gill was also selected among the Best 50 Women in Business by NJBiz and listed among the top 40 Entrepreneurs under 40 by NJBiz the same year. Additionally, Ms. Gill serves as a board member of The ONE Project, an interfaith and community coalition organized to address social needs through education and volunteerism and is president and a founding member of Inspiring South Asian American Women (ISAAW) an organization dedicated to promoting civic and community engagement among South Asian American women. In 2018, Ms. Gill was named among the top 50 most influential people of color in New Jersey by ROI-NJ.