

Ali Noorani
Executive Director

Ali Noorani has more than a decade of successful leadership in public policy advocacy, non-profit management and coalition organizing, across a wide range of issues. As a key figure among a new generation of national leaders, he continues this mission as Executive Director of the National Immigration Forum advocating for the value of immigrants and immigration to the nation.

Under Noorani's leadership since 2008, the Forum is a powerful and key advocate on numerous immigration issues, working closely with business, law enforcement, faith and immigrant leadership across the country to advance much needed reforms to our nation's immigration system.

Noorani provides a principled and reasoned voice on immigration policy and politics, and has appeared on Fox News, CNN, MSNBC, NBC News, ABC News, and various radio and local news programs. He has been quoted on the pages of most of the nation's major dailies and is a regular speaker at conferences and campuses across the country.

Noorani has also managed fundamental changes to the institution, leading the Forum through a transition process to prepare the organization for the future, with a broadening focus on unlikely allies and creative alliance building toward a better future for immigrants and America. With a keen eye for accountability and good business practice, Noorani secured accreditations from the Better Business Bureau and Four Star Charity Navigator.

Born in California, Noorani is the son of Pakistani immigrants and one of the few immigration leaders of Muslim heritage. He is a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley and received his Master's in Public Health from Boston University. In 2007, Noorani received the Boston University Young Alumni Award.

Prior to joining the Forum, Noorani was Executive Director of the MA Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition (MIRA). Before taking the helm at MIRA, Noorani served as the Director of Public Health for the Dorchester House Multi-Service Center and Codman Square Health Center, two large community health centers in Boston. Prior to that, Noorani worked for the City of Boston coordinating funding and technical assistance to regional environmental projects

Established in 1982, the Forum is one of the nation's premier pro-immigrant advocacy and policy organizations and has been at the center of every major immigration debate over the past 25 years. The Forum uses its communications, advocacy and policy expertise to create a better, more welcoming America that treats all newcomers fairly and respects the rights of all.

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