



Ali Noorani Executive Director

In March 2008, the Board of the National Immigration Forum selected Ali Noorani to be Executive Director. The Forum, based in Washington D.C., is one of the nation's premier pro-immigrant advocacy and policy organizations and has been at the center of every major legislative and policy debate related to immigration over the past 25 years, raising awareness of the value of immigrants and immigration to our nation, and advocating for fair and generous immigration policies.

Prior to joining the Forum, Mr. Noorani was Executive Director of the Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition (MIRA), an organization he joined in November 2003. Under his leadership, MIRA's membership and agenda grew significantly, and the coalition came to play a leadership role across New England.

Over the years, Mr. Noorani has been a guest on a number of local and national radio and television shows, appearing on Fox, CNN, MSNBC, NBC, and various local news stations, discussing various aspects of immigration policy and politics. Mr. Noorani has been quoted on the pages of the Wall Street Journal, New York Times, Los Angeles Times, Boston Globe and Washington Post.

Before taking helm at MIRA, Mr. Noorani worked on a variety of community health and social justice issues. He served as the Director of Public Health, managing efforts ranging from HIV/AIDS to youth development for the Dorchester House Multi-Service Center and Codman Square Health Center, two large community health centers in Dorchester, MA. Prior to that, Mr. Noorani worked for the City of Boston coordinating funding and technical assistance to environmental justice projects across the region.

Born in California, Mr. Noorani is the son of Pakistani immigrants and one of the few national 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. Recently, he received the Alfred L. Frechette Award from the Massachusetts Public Health Association for exceptional leadership in promoting social justice and he also received the 2007 Boston University Young Alumni Award.

Mr. Noorani has authored numerous articles and currently serves on the boards of the Campaign for Community Change, Families USA, and Foundation for an Open America.