

## Two Pakistan-origin candidates win US elections



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Two Pakistani-American Democratic candidates, Salman Bhojani and Suleman Lalani, have made history by securing their second consecutive term in the Texas State House elections. Bhojani, who first entered the assembly in 2022, has focused on vital issues like healthcare, education, and business development while advocating for immigrant rights. His victory is seen as a key milestone in South Asian American political representation. Suleman Lalani successfully defended his seat in the Texas State Assembly, winning 56.1% of the vote with 32,141 votes against

Republican Lee Simmons, who garnered 43.9% with 25,197 votes. Meanwhile, Republican Aaron Bashir, the only Pakistani-American candidate running for Congress, faced a setback in Pennsylvania, losing a tight congressional race. Bhojani's success reflects an increasing trend of South Asian Americans actively participating in shaping U.S. politics, marking a significant shift toward greater diversity in political leadership. After winning the US presidential election, Donald Trump addressed his supporters in Florida. In a speech delivered, Donald Trump declared his campaign's victory a triumph over formidable and unprecedented obstacles. "We overcame obstacles that nobody thought possible," Trump stated, reflecting on the challenges his campaign had faced throughout the race. He continued, emphasising the magnitude of their success. "It's now clear we've achieved the most incredible political thing—look what happened, is this crazy?" Trump noted, framing his victory as an achievement unlike anything seen in U.S. political history. The 'victory' speech turned to the future as Trump made a bold vow to continue his fight for his supporters' families and the country's prosperity. "Every single day, I will be fighting for you with every breath in my body," Trump promised, positioning himself as a relentless advocate for the American people. "I will not rest until we have delivered a strong, safe, and prosperous America." Trump's remarks capped off a night filled with celebratory moments, as his supporters cheered and waved in the background. His success in key battleground states, particularly in the South and

Midwest, has put him in a strong position to claim the presidency once again.