A conversation with

Gautam Raghavan, White House Liaison to the LGBT and AAPI Communities



Gautam Raghavan currently serves as an Associate Director in The White House Office of Public Engagement. In this role, he serves as President Obama's liaison to the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) and Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities. From 2009 to 2011, Raghavan served as Deputy White House Liaison at the U.S. Department of Defense, and as Outreach Lead for the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" Working Group from February to December 2010.

Prior to joining the Obama Administration, Raghavan worked with political operatives, donors, community leaders, activists, and campaign staff to strengthen the progressive movement and expand the Democratic Party. He has worked for Progressive Majority, the Democratic National Committee under Chairman Howard Dean, and the 2008 Obama campaign. Raghavan was born in India and raised in Seattle, and is a graduate of Stanford University. He currently lives with his husband Andrew in Washington, D.C.

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