



My name is Nina Ahmad, and I am a candidate for the **President of the Pennsylvania Chapter of National Organization for Women (NOW)**. I currently serve as the Interim Board President since April 2021, stepping up when the former President resigned before her term was over. I believe in the power of people to make positive change and am an advocate for equity for all. I am a first-generation American, scientist, former Deputy Mayor for Public Engagement for the City of Philadelphia where I was the first AAPI woman to hold a Cabinet position in any Philadelphia Administration. With a Doctorate in Chemistry from the University of Pennsylvania, I was an Assistant Professor and subsequently the Director of Molecular Biology of the Research Department at Wills Eye Hospital. I also co-founded JNA Capital, Inc., a

community development and real estate finance company where I serve as its Executive Vice President of Community Engagement.

I have been a successful civic leader who is unafraid to take on big fights. As former President of the Philadelphia NOW, I led a fight against the District Attorney's office that refused to fire three prosecutors who had e-mailed degrading pornographic images and rallied City Council to issue a resolution. During my tenure, we diversified the Board to become multigenerational, multiracial with diversity of gender and sexual orientation. As the Deputy Mayor, I fought workplace discrimination and harassment which undermines woman and people of color economically. As one of the few women of color Board member of the Philadelphia Foundation, I have helped provide millions of dollars to local non-profits aimed at fighting poverty and educating young people. President Obama appointed me to his Advisory Commission on AAPI and I was the 2016 Honoree of the Pennsylvania Immigration & Citizenship Coalition for my work facilitating civic participation of immigrants and refugees. I was recognized by City & State PA as one of the 50 of the most prominent and accomplished leaders in government, business and media over the age of 50 who make a positive impact on Pennsylvania. I was the first person of color, immigrant, and scientist to become the Democratic nominee for a statewide executive office in the 233 year-history of Pennsylvania. As the 2020 Democratic nominee for Auditor General of PA, I was the first woman of color to ever receive over three million votes statewide.

As a mother of two daughters, I am alarmed at the backward slide our country is experiencing with respect to women's rights. I want to be a part of the solution and push back against this "war on women" and believe if given the opportunity to serve as the President of PA NOW, I along with our members can make positive contributions to this effort as well as further the goals of NOW. I envision our statewide chapter being engaged in working to realize a broad vision for progress for women and their families.

#### **Platform for Progress**

- **Lead and strengthen the collective voice of PA NOW as a multi-issue, multi strategy organization using an intersectional approach to women's rights.**
- **Advocate equity for women & girls: economic security, reproductive justice including championing abortion rights, racial equity, LGBTQ rights, support the fight to secure amendment to the U.S. Constitution that will guarantee equal rights for women and work to end violence against women.**
- **Communicate and coordinate throughout our State with other partners & stakeholders.**
- **Develop a strategic plan to expand membership, support our local chapters, foster participation and build coalitions through innovative programs.**