

Neil K. Makhija, Commissioner and Chair, Board of Elections

In 2023, Neil Makhija was elected to the Montgomery County Board of Commissioners, becoming the first Asian American to serve as a County Commissioner in Pennsylvania's history. On January 2, 2024 Mr. Makhija was voted as the Vice Chair of the Board of Commissioners and Chair of the Board of Elections.

As the son of Indian immigrants who made Pennsylvania home, Mr. Makhija is passionate about enfranchising underrepresented communities and engaging new citizens in state and local politics. Mr. Makhija is focused on protecting voting rights, leading on climate, advancing criminal justice reform, and making investments in mental health services for the residents of Montgomery County.

In his previous professional experience, Mr. Makhija has served as a president of Indian American Impact, the nation's leading South Asian civic organization and a lecturer at the University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School. In his legal work, he has represented essential workers, consumers, and the public interest. Mr. Makhija has served as president of the South Asian Bar Association in Philadelphia and is a member of the board of trustees at his alma mater, Sarah Lawrence College. He was listed as one of the "40 under 40" influential people in Pennsylvania by City & State PA.

Mr. Makhija holds a bachelor's degree from Sarah Lawrence College and a Juris Doctor from Harvard Law School.

Mr. Makhija lives with his wife, Dr. Rachel Nash, an internal medicine physician, and their son, Avinash, in Lower Merion.

