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- Managing Partner, Star, Mclaughlin, Kumar & Ackerman, LLC.
- Member, Board of Directors, Indian American Friendship Council.
- Vice Chairman, American Academy of Yoga & Meditation (AAYM)
- Member, National Advisory Board, The Latino Coalition;
- Member, National Advisory Board. Hispanic 100.

Expertise: Strategic Planning; Business Turnaround; Government Relations; Connectivity, Alliance Building
Diversity and Crisis Management.

KV Kumar is the only Indian American to serve six U.S. Presidents from Ronald Reagan to Donald Trump. He has also served four Governors, many Members of Congress-Senate and Mayors.

- President Ronald Reagan: Advisor, White House Office of Public Liaison.
- President George H.W. Bush: Deputy Chief, Telecommunications Office, Office of the President-Elect. White House Business Coalitions Committee.
- President William J. Clinton: Member, Arizona Local & State District Appeals Boards, U.S. Selective Service
- President George W. Bush: First Indian American to be appointed as a Member to the National Advisory Council & subsequently to the Executive Committee of the U.S. Small Business Administration.
- First Indian American Chairman, Arizona State District Appeals Board, U.S. Selective Service.
- Lead Volunteer, Bush-Cheney Transition Team 2000; Member, White House Committee on Small Business; Member, White House Committee on Immigration.
- First Indian American to be appointed to U.S. DoE's Small Business Advisory Board.
- Presidential Candidate John McCain 2008 HQ: National Director/Coordinator, Business Coalition.
- President Donald J. Trump: National Advisory Council on Asian Americans.
- President Barack H. Obama: California State District Appeals Board, U.S. Selective Service.
- California Governors, Arnold Schwarzenegger & Jerry Brown: Member California State Bar, Board of Governor's Committee of Bar Examiners; Vice Chair, Academic Accreditation, Member: Management & Budget and Bar Examination Committees.
- Arizona Governors, Jane Hull & Janet Napolitano: Member, Arizona Governor's Council on Spinal & Head Injuries (Two Terms); Member, Arizona State Rehabilitation Council (Two Terms).
- Secretary of State of Georgia, Max Cleland: Member, Economic Development Committee.
- Mayor of Washington, D.C., Sharon Pratt Kelly: Member, Economic Development Committee.

KV Kumar is the epitome of volunteerism and community service. For more than 50 years KV has been known and respected for his 150,000+ hours or more than 17 years of volunteer work. He continues to serve and mentor the small businesses, entrepreneurs, people with brain injury, youth and community organizations and individuals in need of help.

Small Business Advocacy:

KV is an ardent supporter of small businesses and entrepreneurs. He has helped by bringing them together with corporations, governments and NGO's through conventions, networking, mentor-protégé programs, business forums,

seminars, articles, media interviews and one on one advisory sessions. Contributed significantly to US-India Trade & Bi-Lateral Relations (a few listed below);

Contributions to US-India Trade & Bi-Lateral Relations: KV through IAICC, was instrumental in signing of the MoU between U.S. Small Business Administration and Government of India's SME in New Delhi in January 2007 with the assistance from the AMCHAM (New Delhi).

U.S. India "Strategic Trade Authorization (STA1)"; Removal of U.S. sanctions against India; Reversal of Administration decision on student visas and entry ban of H1B visa holders and their dependents till the end of year; U.S. India Nuclear Pact; India Defense Pact" initiated under President Clinton, continued under Bush, Obama, and Trump administrations; Pursuing India's membership to U.N. Security Council. Arranging meetings between Indian and American Business, Civic and Political Leaders. Working closely with both U.S. and Indian officials KV helped bring harmony and expand trade relations between the two countries. Actively participated in the US Trade Pact; "USMCA" and Opportunity Zone Initiatives which are beneficial to Indian American enterprises. KV has served in many important positions in Federal, State and Local Government, Corporate and Civil positions to contribute and help the cause of small business.

Advocacy & Service to Brain Injury Community:

Kumar, as a survivor of head Injuries (1992-93), has dedicated his resources to help survivors and their families. He is very passionate about serving the brain injury community. KV has served on several boards, commissions and committees including U.S., International Brain Injury and Arizona Brain Injury Associations, Red Means Stop Coalition, three terms on Arizona Governor's Council on Head Injury and two terms on Arizona State Rehabilitation Council.

One of KV's main contributions was his unwavering focus and support to the "Traumatic Brain Injury Act of 1996" passed by U.S. Congress which serves over five million persons with brain injuries. He was recognized and honored by the U.S. Brain Injury Association for his Unheralded Advocacy and lauded by U.S. Senate & Congress. California State Senate honored KV for his contributions and California Brain Injury Association thanked KV and highlighted the benefits of TBI Act. KV has helped many persons with brain injury, who were suicidal and had many obstacles.

Work Experience: Management Consultant & Senior Executive

Formerly President & CEO, American Systems International

Negotiated and signed the Strategic Alliance Partnership Agreement with NELCO (Tata Group), and led the company's business development efforts successfully.

The World Bank, Washington, DC and the Asian Development Bank, Manila, Philippines:

Served in various capacities: Developed the "Bank-Group-Guidelines for Project Completion Reports" used in post-project evaluation of the World Bank Group financed and or implemented projects. Prepared over 200 multi-million-dollar project reports on Project Completion/Evaluation; Sector specific studies; Special Studies; and Management Policy Review studies. On deputation/loan from the World Bank from 1979-82 at the request of Asian Development Bank, Manila: Assisted with setting up of the Monitoring and Evaluation Systems. Reviewed Policies and Procedures in the Budget, Personnel, Training & Management Systems Department and proposed recommendations. Turned around several small and mid-size companies in California, Arizona and India.

KV has founded/co-founded many organizations including: Indian American International Chamber of Commerce; Founder, First Liberty Bank Corporation & the First Liberty National Bank, Washington DC; India Club of the World Bank Group & International Monetary Fund; "Help the Senior Citizens", Volunteer Group created during Mayor Walter Washington: Secretary, The World Bank Group Staff Association; Kannada Koota of Greater Washington, DC. Founding Member, U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

KV has served in Boards/Committees in Federal, State/Local Governments & NGO's:

- Member, Arizona State Local & District Appeals Board, U.S. Selective Service (President Bill Clinton)
- Member, Executive Committee, National Advisory Council, U.S. Small Business Administration (First Indian American to be appointed to NAC, President George W. Bush).
- Chairman, Arizona State District Appeals Board, U.S. Selective Service (President George W. Bush)

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 - Member: White House Committee on Business Coalition (Presidents George H.W. Bush & George W. Bush).
 - Member, Small Business Advisory Committee, U.S. Department of Energy (First Indian American to be appointed to NAC, President George W. Bush).
 - Member, Round Table MBDA, U.S. Department of Commerce.
 - Member, Committee of Bar Examiners, State Bar of California (Governors, Schwarzenegger & Brown);
 - Member, Arizona Governor's Council on Spinal and Head Injuries, (Two Terms, Governors Hull & Napolitano);
 - Member, Arizona State Rehabilitation Council, (Two Terms, Governors Hull & Napolitano);
 - Georgia State Secretary of State's Small Business Committee (Secretary of State, Max Cleland);
 - Member, Washington, D.C. Economic Development Committee (Mayor Sheraton Pratt Kelly).
 - Member, Small Business Council Board, U.S. Chamber of Commerce
 - Member, National Franchise Alliance Committee, International Franchise Association.
 - Member & Advisor, U.S. Trade Delegations to India & Sri Lanka.
 - Member, Advisory Board, The Latino Coalition & Hispanic 100
 - Member, Board, National Business minority Supplier Council.
 - Member, Advisory Board, National Grocer's Association.
 - Advisor, Grievance Advisory Panel, World Bank Group SA.
 - Represented more than 125 World Bank Group Employees as an advisor and had 100% success in winning or resolving their cases.
 - Member, Board of Governors, International Brain Injury Association (IBIA); and
 - Vice President for Survivor Affairs, IBIA.
 - Member, U.S. Brain Injury Association: Development Committee. Legislative Committee, Grassroots Networking Committee, Advocacy & Policy Committees.
 - Member, Executive Board and Vice President, Arizona Brain Injury Association.
 - Member, Advisory Board, BAPS Organized Festival of India, NJ (attended by over 2 million).
 - President, Venkata Krishna Temple, Chandler, Arizona.
 - President, Panduranga Vittala Temple (First Hindu Temple-1968), Washington, DC.
 - Member, Board of Trustees, Durga Temple, Fairfax Station, Virginia.
 - Member, Executive Board, Red Means Stop Coalition, Inc.
 - Co-Chairman, Asian American Voters Coalition.
 - Chairman, NAVIKA Board of Trustees. Chief Guest of the Government Yantai at the inauguration of commodities & Trade Center, Yantai City, China.
 - White House Initiative on Opportunity Zone celebrations at the White House by President Donald Trump.
 - "An Evening with KV Kumar", Hosted by Fisher & Philipps, LLP & Asian Indian Chamber.
 - Special Invited Guest, BAPS Centenary Celebrations and received blessings from Pramukh Swami Ji Maharaj in Akshardham in Gandhi Nagar, Gujarat.
 - Congressional & Senatorial Recognitions: Congressional/Senatorial Records; Certificates of Appreciations; and Plaques, too numerous to list.
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Special Awards, Honors & Recognition:

- 2015 Recipient of "Ellis Island Medal of Honor" For Volunteer Service.
- U.S. Brain Injury Association honored KV Kumar for his 'Unheralded Advocacy' on behalf of the Individuals with Brain Injury and their families, led to the Enactment of "1996 Traumatic Brain Injury Act" by the U.S. Congress".
- Six Lifetime Achievement Awards including, "2021 Albert Nelson Marquis's Lifetime Achievement Award". National Asian American Leadership Coalition; National Chamber of Commerce, Federation of Indian American Association of California & Other organizations.

- Numerous honors and awards by US Senate, US Congress. California State Senate honored KV for his contributions to brain injury and for his help in enacting the 1996 TBI Act by U.S. Congress.
- Featured in “Notable Asian Americans” as one of 250 Notable Asian Americans in the United States:
- Bronze Medal for Meritorious Service, U.S. Selective Service.
- Distinguished Recognition for Advocacy to Small Businesses, U.S. Department of Commerce.
- Award for outreach efforts to the Indian American Community on behalf of U.S. Department of Energy, Secretary, U.S. DOE.
- Six Awards for Dedication to Minority Businesses by U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.
- Honored for Dedication & Community Service, National Indian American Chamber of Commerce.
- Extraordinary Leadership in support of “Hispanic Education Success”, by Hispanic Association of Colleges & Universities (HACU);
- Honored Patriots Award, U.S. Selective Service.
- California Brain Injury Association thanked KV and highlighted the benefits of TBI Act.
- Honored by City of Chino Hills for KV’s contributions to survivors of brain injury and their families.
- 2022 Recipient of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Award For Community Service by MLK Advisory Council.
- Special Invited Guest of the city and was honored with a Proclamation by the Mayor of College Park, Georgia.
- Certificate of appreciation for the assistance during the Presidential Transition (1988-89), President and Vice President of the United States of America.

Awards:

- American Chamber of Commerce (AMCHAM), New Delhi, Honored KV Kumar for his role in MoU between Govt. of India and U.S. Small Business Administration.
- International Brain Injury Association President’s “Award for developing strategies for getting out of disabilities for people with brain injuries” at the City Hall in Stockholm, Sweden.
- Outstanding Service to people with brain injuries, Arizona Governor’s Council on Spinal & Head Injury;
- Dedication to survivors of brain injury and their families, Arizona Brain Injury Association.
- Distinguished Service, Strategist Par Excellence & Political Guru, National Asian American Leadership Council.
- Special Act Award for Outstanding support for National Gay Pride Month, Holocaust Remembrance & Asian & Pacific American Heritage Month by U.S. Department of Energy.
- 2009 One of Most Influential Multi-Cultural Business Leader;
- Special Recognition, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI), Mumbai.
- Special Recognition, Confederation of Indian Industries (CII), New Delhi;
- Maryland India Business Roundtable (MIBRT) Award In recognition of Leadership & Dedication to promote United States and India.
- Outstanding Community Service, Indo American Chamber of Commerce, San Francisco Bay Area;
- Arizona State Chapter of USIACC presented award in honor the National Chairman.
- Dedicated Service to the Indian American Community, Indian American Forum for Political Education.
- National Association of Americans of Asian Indian Descent for Commendable Leadership, Charity, Kindness to Humanity;
- Honored for Contributions to Business & Finance, National Federation of Indian Associations (NFIA);
- AKKA (National Association of Kannadigas) Recognition for Outstanding Achievement for the guest of honor.
- Outstanding Leadership Award by FICSC & Lion’s Club of Little India on the eve of India’s Independence Day Celebrations.
- Outstanding Service to Chinese Americans, Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA), Washington, DC.
