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Dilawar is President and CEO at Lumiata, an AI for healthcare company. Lumiata provides predictive analytics for lowering costs and improving the quality of care using advanced data science. Lumiata is backed by Khosla Ventures and Intel. Prior to Lumiata, Dilawar was President at Freshworks where he founded the company's North America business and scaled the company to more than 200,000 customers. Backed by Tiger Global, Accel, Google and Sequoia Capital, the company has raised \$400 million in venture funding. Earlier, Dilawar was CEO at Yonja, a social network based in emerging markets and was a senior leader at Yahoo!



In parallel to his entrepreneurial track, Dilawar is a leader in civic efforts. He chairs Governor Gavin Newsom's California Entrepreneurship Task Force, a historic initiative to promote inclusive entrepreneurship by connecting Silicon Valley entrepreneurs with small businesses in the Central Valley region and inland communities. He has led engagement with small businesses across the state during the COVID-19 pandemic. San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo has appointed Dilawar to the Silicon Valley COVID-19 Recovery Task Force. As Co-lead, Dilawar is tasked with guiding Silicon Valley's recovery from the economic fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In 2010, President Obama appointed Dilawar to the President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. Dilawar led the White House's engagement with entrepreneurs and innovators by holding convenings across the U.S. and promoted growth entrepreneurship and initiatives such as open data and health IT. Dilawar was a delegate at President Obama's Global Entrepreneurship Summits.

Dilawar served as a member of DNC's Platform Committee in 2016 and was a surrogate in Sec. Clinton and President Obama's presidential campaigns. He is a co-founder of AAPI Victory Fund which mobilizes the Asian American electorate. Dilawar was a member of Sen. Kamala Harris' transition team for the California Attorney General office; and mobilized the South Asian community as a national co-chair of the DNC's South Asian American Leadership Council in 2008.

Dilawar holds an M.B.A. from The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and earned Bachelors with dual majors in Economics and Computer Science from The University of Texas at Austin.