

Fay Beydoun

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Executive Biography

Recent Highlights:

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| 2008-Present | Executive Director
American Arab Chamber of Commerce |
| 2008-Present | Chief Operating Officer
Tejara & Tejara Global Business Development Center |
| 2011-Present | Executive Co-Chairwomen
Council of Ethnic Chamber of Commerce |
| 2015-Present | Chairwoman
East Michigan District Export Council |

2016 Honored by Crain's Magazine "Top 100 Most Influential Women in Michigan"

Fay Beydoun serves as Executive Director of the American Arab Chamber of Commerce, the largest Arab-American business organization in the United States, delivering services and counsel to more than 1,400 companies, ranging from small businesses to multinational corporations and executive professionals. In her leadership position, Ms. Beydoun works to facilitate the growth of the Arab-American business community both locally and internationally.

The American Arab Chamber of Commerce under Ms. Beydoun's leadership is also a vital business and trade link between the United States and the MENA region. Ms. Beydoun has been working tirelessly to realize one of the Chamber's goals of making Southeast Michigan a hub for trade between Michigan and the MENA region.

Ms. Beydoun also serves as the Chief Operating Officer of TEJARA, another organization that is working to further economic relations between the United States and the Arab World.

As the Chief operating officer for TEJARA she has been instrumental in bringing the TEJARA Global Development Center to flourishing. The Tejara Center an incubator and accelerator that focuses on Exporting and Entrepreneurship targeting ethnic and minority communities.

Since joining the American Arab Chamber of Commerce, Ms. Beydoun has reached out to various organizations to facilitate the growth of the Arab American business community and connect it with other communities in Southeast Michigan and the state as a whole by serving on various boards and committees.

Growing up in Dearborn, Ms. Beydoun is an immigrant and a daughter of an immigrant family that has worked tirelessly to achieve the American dream. She has mobilized and directed thousands of volunteers for various causes, social, political and economic, as part of her strong belief in giving back to her community.

Ms. Beydoun's steadfast service to the community is extensive and far-reaching. She is a master at resolving conflicts and smoothing out relations between local organizations and state and national agencies. She has excelled at mitigating her role as a female leader in an area where males mainly dominate businesses without offsetting the social balance in a conservative Middle Eastern community. She has been featured and published in numerous print, web and broadcast media locally, nationally and internationally including CNN, Fox, and Forbes magazine.

Ms. Beydoun is a firm believer in empowering entrepreneurs, especially, with all the information they need for success. She is also devoted to ensuring that businesses actively promote and engage in creating an inclusive workplace, where everyone can succeed in achieving his or her personal and professional goals, which in turn foster winning business solutions.

AFFILIATIONS AND RECENT AWARDS

- 2016 Honored by Crain's Magazine "Top 100 Most Influential Women in Michigan"
- 2015 Elected Chairwoman of the East Michigan District Export Council, Approved by U.S. Secretary of Commerce Penny Pritzker
- 2015 Appointed by Governor Rick Snyder to the Middle Eastern American Commission
- 2014 Inducted into the Heritage Hall of Fame by the International Institute Foundation
- 2013 Appointed by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce as Board Member of the Michigan East District Export Council
- 2012 Michigan Woman's Foundation "Top 25 Women Making a Difference" Awardee
- Corp! Magazine 2011 Diversity Leader Awardee
- Board Member, Prima Civitas
- Board Member, Investor-Leadership Council of the Michigan Economic Center
- Board Member, Global Detroit
- Board Member, International Visitors Council
- Board Member, New Detroit
- Board Member, Detroit Strategic Framework Plan
- Board Member, Michigan Council for Arts and Culture Affairs

- Advisory Board Member, Detroit Creative Corridor Center
- Co-Founder, US Arab Women's Business Council
- Founding Member, Women's Council of the AACC
- Member WXYZ Media and Community Stakeholders Meeting
- Advisory Board Member, ACLU Michigan