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## Accompany Capital Announces the 14th Annual Immigrant Heritage Week Awards

*Visionary activist Bhairavi Desai, co-founder of the New York Taxi Workers Alliance, to join Accompany Capital in honoring outstanding immigrant entrepreneurs*

In recognition of the vital role immigrant entrepreneurs play in New York City's economy, **Accompany Capital** will mark **Immigrant Heritage Week 2026** by honoring inspiring NYC immigrant and refugee entrepreneurs on **Thursday, April 23, from 7:00-8:00 PM.** at Civic Hall, 124 E 14th St., New York, NY, and via Zoom.

Special guest and Keynote Speaker will be **Bhairavi Desai**, who will also accept the **Accompany Capital Economic Equity Award** on behalf of the New York Taxi Workers Alliance (NYTWA). Since 1998, NYTWA has grown into a powerful advocate for nearly 15,000 taxi drivers, championing fair wages, safer working conditions, and debt relief.

### 2026 Award Honorees

#### Accompany Capital Community Catalyst Award

**City Council Member Shekar Krishnan** - a tireless champion for all New Yorkers, a dedicated contributor - through his advocacy - to his Queens community's quality of life.

#### Accompany Capital Job Creator Award

**Onur Safak** — owner of ZOI Mediterranean Cuisine, Green Blend NYC, and several other restaurants.

#### Accompany Capital Green Stewardship Award

**Tenzin Nyandak** - founder of Studio Nyandak, a New York City-based architecture and design firm.

#### Accompany Capital Made in New York Award

**Rafael Luis Correa** - owner of Zecca Glass, which manufactures and installs high-quality glass products in the Bronx.

#### Accompany Capital New Beginnings Award

**Zarifa Adiba** - Afghan-born musician, writer, and activist.

**Jawad Ahmad** - pre-med biology major at SUNY Binghamton and certified EMT who came to the U.S. with his family in 2021.

*"We are honored to serve and support immigrant entrepreneurs in New York City. We are especially proud of this year's honorees, who are not only working hard to pursue their dreams and create a better future for themselves and their families, but also making valuable contributions to New York's culture, economy, and communities."*

— Yanki Tshering, Executive Director, Accompany Capital

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