

## CHARLES ERIC CHAMBERS SMALL

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### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### **Director of Federal Affairs & National Engagement | City of Los Angeles – Washington Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti | Washington, DC**

May 2017 – Current

- Manage the Washington, D.C. Field Office for the City of Los Angeles and Mayor Eric Garcetti. Serve as the chief advocate for all City interests and interactions with Members of Congress, the Executive Branch, and the Washington, D.C. stakeholder community. Worked in a team of five coordinating and leading the City's federal outreach efforts.
- Led the federal outreach efforts and engagement for all of the City's proprietary agencies including the Port of Los Angeles (POLA), Los Angeles Department of Water & Power (LADWP), Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), and Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LA Metro)
  - **COVID-19 RESPONSE:** Led the City's federal engagement efforts to secure funding and policy changes responding to the Coronavirus pandemic. Efforts resulted in \$700 million in direct funding for the City in the *CARES Act*. Combined from the *CARES Act* and December *COVID-19 Relief Bill*, my efforts resulted in combined \$2.3 billion to support key transportation agencies, local healthcare clinics, vaccination infrastructure, and housing/homelessness assistance. Coordinated efforts with the top 35 largest cities in America to secure policy changes working with the Treasury Department on guidance for the *Coronavirus Relief Fund* and with FEMA Region 9 on expediting testing and homelessness reimbursement. Worked with private sector partners to secure a rapid testing pilot for the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD).
  - **TRANSPORTATION:** Led the City's USDOT advocacy efforts in coordination with LA Metro securing a \$1.3 billion Full Funded Grant Agreement (FFGA) for the City's Purple Line Subway Extension. This is the largest discretionary transportation grant from the *USDOT New Starts* program from the current Administration and the most critical transportation project for the 2028 Los Angeles Olympic and Paralympic Games. Coordinated Congressional outreach efforts for POLA to secure policy changes in the *2020 Water Resources Development Act* for the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund to increase formula funding for the Port and allow federal funding to be used for seismic retrofitting and waterfront development. This policy change had been a goal of the Port for over a decade.
  - **NATIONAL ENGAGEMENT:** Manage Mayor Garcetti's relationship with key trade associations and national thought leadership with the U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM), where the Mayor is the Chair of the Infrastructure Task Force and the Latino Alliance; and the National League of Cities, where the Mayor is the Co-Chair of the 2020 Presidential Task Force. Assist with outreach for Climate Mayors where Mayor Garcetti is a founder and Chair of a group of 400 U.S. Mayors in 49 states who have committed to the *Paris Climate Accords*.

#### **Associate Director of Federal Affairs | New York State – Washington Office of Governor Andrew Cuomo | Washington, DC**

June 2012 – April 2017

- Served as a liaison and policymaker for the New York State Government with Members of Congress, the Obama Administration and stakeholder groups like the National Governors Association. Managed an issue portfolio that included international trade, housing, energy, financial services, education, telecommunications/tech, parks and economic development.
  - **HURRICANE SANDY RELIEF:** Assisted with lobbying efforts to help pass \$49 billion disaster relief bill to help New York State recover from Hurricane Sandy. Worked with HUD and other

federal agencies to implement the bill and take actions for the State to be better prepared for the next major natural disaster.

- **TELECOMMUNICATIONS:** Developed and implemented the 'New' *New York Broadband Program*, a \$1 billion public-private partnership effort using a reverse auction to deploy broadband in high-cost, underserved areas in NY State. Secured more than \$150 million from the FCC's Connect America Fund (CAF) to create a new federal-state-private sector model to enable the Cuomo Administration to meet its goal of 100% broadband access across the state by 2018.
- **INTERNATIONAL TRADE:** Worked with the Cuban Government to arrange for Governor Cuomo to be the first sitting U.S. Governor since the Cuban Revolution to travel to the nation following President Obama's announcement of the reestablishment of diplomatic relations. That trade mission led to JetBlue, a New York-based carrier, becoming one of the first air carriers to fly commercially to Cuba; and federal approval of the first joint venture project for a lung cancer vaccine between the New York-based Roswell Park Cancer Institute and the Cuban Center for Molecular Immunology. Participated in New York State trade missions to Canada and Europe.

### **Legislative and Public Affairs Consultant | Washington, DC**

Aug. 2010 – May 2012

- Provided logistical and planning support for Transportation Energy Partners for their annual 2012 Energy Independence Conference; a gathering of high-level clean vehicle industry infrastructure experts; coordinated outreach and logistical support for events during industry Capitol Hill lobbying day including the preparation of all collateral materials, meetings and talking points. Secured over 180 meetings with Members of Congress and their staff. Planned and coordinated briefing with then Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee Chairman, former Rep. Steve Israel (D-NY) to discuss energy independence.
- Worked on logistical support for 76 Words, a DC media consulting company for progressive clients.

### **Congressional Affairs Specialist | United States Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President | Washington, DC**

Feb. 2009 - July 2010

- Devised and managed outreach platforms to Senate Finance and House Ways & Means Committees; participated in interagency discussions to develop positions for the Administration on trade policy and enforcement decisions. Authored collateral material and memorandums for Cabinet members and Senior-level Obama Administration officials.
- Worked with Members of Congress and their staff to pass the extensions of the Generalized System of Preferences (Andean Trade Preference Act), and the Iran Sanctions Act.
- Effectively monitored Congressional legislation affecting trade policy; ensured that proposed legislation was consistent with international trade obligations. Advised on Senate confirmation process of deputy cabinet officials.

### **Campaign Staff | Barack Obama Campaign for Change | Toledo, OH & Washington, DC**

Sept. 2008 - Jan. 2009

- Served as Vote Corps Leader in Toledo devising strategies to increase voter registration within target areas; helped to achieve 94% registration of all eligible voters in the state of Ohio; worked with local community institutions to raise awareness about early voting.
- Served as Talent Liaison to the Presidential Inaugural Committee in Washington, D.C. coordinating logistics and entertainment for Inaugural Mid-Atlantic Regional Ball and Opening Inaugural Ceremony at the Lincoln Memorial viewed live on the HBO network; staffed talent and managed site coordination and logistics for performers including Wyclef Jean and the Grateful Dead.

### **Director of Congressional and Public Affairs | Westin Rinehart Group | Washington, DC**

Feb. 2005 – Sept. 2008

- Provided strategic communications counsel, led business development, brand management and public-private partnership organization for clients.
- Served as the Director for Cities United for Science Progress, a USCM initiative which provide grants to cities to combat lead-paint and worked with Mayors across the country to promote science education. Worked with 53 mayors and over 20,000 students nationwide from May 2006—Sept. 2008 on “Science in the School” day with Dupont engineers.

***Legislative Correspondent | Senator Barbara Boxer | Washington, DC***

Jan. 2004 – Jan. 2005

- Staffed briefings, coordinated appropriations requests and prepared policy memos for senior legislative staff on issues of international trade, labor, telecommunications, energy, transportation, immigration and housing. Maintained relationships between the Senator and constituent groups, trade associations and lobbyists. Authored personal outgoing correspondence for the Senator; recorded constituent concerns.

***Campaign Aide | General Wesley Clark Campaign for President | Washington, DC***

Oct. 2003 – Dec. 2003

- Provided advance support for the General’s presidential campaign. Helped to plan and coordinate campaign events throughout the Southern and Northeastern regions of the country.

**EDUCATION AND SERVICE**

***Swarthmore College | Swarthmore, PA***

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science (major), Religion Studies (minor), June 2003

***Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies | Washington, DC***

Certificate in International Affairs (pending)

**Boards**

- Board Member, California State Society
- Member, National League of Cities Infrastructure & Transportation Services Committee