

## David A. Roberts

### Government Relations Professional Specializing in Economic and Real Estate Development



David Roberts is a Los Angeles native and has been actively engaged in revitalizing large portions of Los Angeles since the late 1990's.

He currently serves as the Economic Development and Planning Director for Los Angeles City Councilmember Joe Buscaino where he oversees projects and policies for Los Angeles' 15th Council District which includes the communities of Watts, Harbor Gateway, Harbor City, Wilmington and San Pedro as well as the Port of Los Angeles. David manages a three member Economic Development and Planning team which manages community and city-wide Planning, Housing, Transportation, Public Infrastructure, Workforce Development and Business Policy initiatives.

Back in 2013, David ran to represent the 9<sup>th</sup> District on the Los Angeles City Council, where his candidacy was endorsed by the Los Angeles Times ([Los Angeles Times Endorsement](#)).

Prior to running for public office, David served as the Associate Director for Local Government Relations at the University of Southern California (USC). At USC, Roberts represented the university with City and County government. He also helped to advance university priorities by establishing and maintaining effective relationships with business, non-profit and local community based organizations.

Roberts served on the staff of former Los Angeles City Councilmembers Mark Ridley-Thomas and Bernard C. Parks. As Deputy for Economic Development, he focused on policy, land use, finance and development and helped to oversee and entitle more than \$4 billion worth of development over a 12 year period highlighted by the Expo Line Light Rail Project, commercial office buildings, parks, libraries, retail, housing and a series of sustainable, LEED certified public infrastructure projects. According to the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, Councilmember Parks' 8<sup>th</sup> District led the City in job creation in 6 of the 7 years David served as Economic Development Deputy.

Roberts also owns his own firm, providing Government and Strategic Relations services for his clients. He serves on the non-profit board of directors for Friends of EXPO Center and PV Jobs. David was born in Harbor City, CA and after graduating from Bishop Montgomery High School in Torrance, CA, he received a bachelor of arts degree in Political Science from the University of California at Los Angeles.