

DAVID VELA

PRINCIPAL



SUMMARY

David Vela established strong working relationships with elected officials, media outlets and stakeholder groups within the State of California and led numerous successful government relations projects in the County of Los Angeles and the State of California.

Mr. Vela served as a special advisor to the CA Employment Development Department, Senior Advisor and Chief of Staff to members of the CA State Legislature, Deputy to a Los Angeles County Supervisor and Vice President at a full service Public Affairs firm. He was a member of the Montebello Unified School District for eight years and now serves as a Trustee on the Los Angeles Community College District

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Mr. Vela is a government relations professional with 17 years of experience working with a variety of local agencies and businesses advising them on County and State related issues. He is also public affairs, media relations and outreach specialist with experience with different stakeholder groups including homeowners associations, business groups, schools, and faith-based organizations. His experience includes working with and on behalf of elected officials and public agencies, and creating and implementing successful media and public awareness campaigns. He has overseen and managed large public affairs teams who work on the creation of informational and collateral materials including fact sheets, newsletters, and public meeting notices. Mr. Vela is adept at effectively managing staff and budgets to ensure the successful and timely completion of projects.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Communications Manager, JACOBS Engineering, Build LACCD, Monterey Park, CA

Project Role: Communications Manager for the Los Angeles Community College District's seven billion dollar program with local agencies, cities and constituents. Oversaw the Project Labor Agreement, Labor Compliance and SBE Compliance departments.

Lynwood Unified School District, Government Relations, Lynwood CA

Project Role: Assist school district in tracking legislation, obtaining matching bond dollars and advocating at the County and State level.

City of Huntington Park, Government and Media Relations, Huntington Park, CA

Project Role: Represent the City in front of State and County officials. Worked on bringing state resources to the City. Handled all media relations for the City and produced various social media campaigns as well as prepared and produces press conferences and media events.

Alameda Corridor East (ACE), Community and Government Relations, Montebello CA

Project Role: Mr. Vela gathered elected official and community stakeholder consensus on a grade separation project in Montebello.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science (B.S) in Biological Anthropology

University of California Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA

Master in Public Policy (MPP) with Concentrations in Economics and Intl. Relations

Pepperdine University, School of Public Policy, Malibu, CA