

Speaker Biographies

Ambassador Nina Hachigian Deputy Mayor for International Affairs Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti

Mayor Eric Garcetti appointed Ambassador Nina Hachigian to be the first Deputy Mayor of International Affairs. Her office seeks to use and expand Los Angeles' global ties to help bring jobs, economic opportunity, culture, visitors and a great Olympics to the city.

From 2014 to 2017, Ambassador Hachigian served as the second U.S. Ambassador to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). During her tenure, the United States established a strategic partnership with ASEAN, held the first Leaders' Summit in the United States, launched a Presidential initiative on economic cooperation, established the U.S.-ASEAN Women's Leadership Academy and grew the youth program to over 100,000 members. She was awarded the State Department's Superior Honor Award for her service. She is also a founder of WASA, Women Ambassadors Serving America, a group of some 200 current and former Ambassadors.

Earlier, Ambassador Hachigian was a Senior Fellow and a Senior Vice President at the Center for American Progress focused on Asia policy and U.S.-China relations. In 2012, she was the co-director of Asia policy for the Obama campaign. Prior to that, Ambassador Hachigian was the director of the RAND Center for Asia Pacific Policy for four years. Ambassador Hachigian served on the staff of the National Security Council in the Clinton White House from 1998-1999. She is the editor of *Debating China: The U.S. – China Relationship in Ten Conversations* (Oxford University Press, 2014) and co-author of *The Next American Century: How the U.S. Can Thrive as Other Powers Rise* (Simon & Schuster, 2008).

Ambassador Hachigian was a founding Board member of the State Department's International Security Advisory Board. She is a Board Member of the Pacific Council on International Policy and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. Hachigian received her B.S. from Yale University, magna cum laude, and her J.D. from Stanford Law School, with distinction. She lives in the great City of Los Angeles with her husband and children.

Felipe Cusnir Director of International Trade and Investment Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti

Felipe Cusnir serves as Director of International Trade & Investment at Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti Office of International Affairs. He helps facilitate international trade development, strengthen foreign government and business relationships, attract foreign direct investment and foster sea and air cargo, passenger and trade opportunities. Felipe also liaises with the Board of Airport Commissioners, Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA), the Board of Harbor Commissioners and the Port of Los Angeles (POLA) promoting international development and trade-related activities for the Mayor's Office.

Prior to joining Mayor Garcetti's Administration, Cusnir worked for the International Development Department for the Port of Los Angeles, where he assisted with various initiatives to promote the Port and the Region internationally and to foster trade and business opportunities. Prior to working for the City of LA, Cusnir was living in Brazil where he was Director of Operations for a food service company, and before that, Cusnir was living in New York City designing and implementing market entry and development strategies for Latin American companies in the ICT, Infrastructure, Construction and Entertainment industries.

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Felipe is an American-Brazilian citizen and moved to Los Angeles in 2011 for his Master's Degree at UCLA, and while pursuing his MBA he served as the Vice-President of the UCLA Anderson Latin American Business Association, working on initiatives that combined academia and business practices to promote international trade and support the Los Angeles region's economic ties to Latin America.

Erin Bromaghim
Director of Olympic and Paralympic Development
Conrad N. Hilton Foundation Fellow on the Sustainable Development Goals

Erin Bromaghim serves as the Director of Olympic and Paralympic Development in the Office of the Mayor of Los Angeles, Eric Garcetti. In this role, Erin is focused on realizing the City's plans to make Los Angeles more sustainable, inclusive, resilient and innovative as we prepare to host the Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2028 and on the enduring legacy the Games will leave for all Angelenos. This legacy includes her work as the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation Fellow, through which Erin uses the framework of the United Nation's Agenda 2030 to align, measure, and track the City's progress toward the 17 Sustainable Development Goals. Most recently she was a senior civilian with the U.S. Air Force, where she managed multiple complex defense, intelligence, and security reform efforts. Ms. Bromaghim entered federal civil service as a Presidential Management Fellow with the U.S. Navy, later working for the Office of the Secretary of Defense and NATO. She and her husband live with their two children in Long Beach.