



# Integrity-based Advocacy, Strategic Communications and Public Outreach

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#### **Civic and Charitable**

Chief of Staff, California Legislature Urban Corps Charter School LEAD San Diego

Securing Our eCity (cyber security) Otay Valley Regional Park Citizens **Advisory Committee** 

San Diego Public Leadership Institute

San Diego Leadership Forum San Diego Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Advisory Board

HOPE (latinas.org), Champion Advisory Board

Chula Vista Chamber of Commerce San Ysidro Health Center, 45th Anniversary Gala - Chair

Los Angeles Sports and Entertainment Commission

### Education

University of California, Riverside -B.A. Political Science 1990

#### Personal

John resides in Chula Vista with his wife and four children. The family is active at EastLake Community Church.

John brings more than 20 years of experience in developing and executing advocacy campaigns, government and community affairs strategies, and media relations initiatives. His campaigns have successfully targeted elected and appointed officials, government and regulatory agencies, Fortune 500 corporations, as well as Latino, African American and Asian American markets and constituents. He is a strategic thinker, resourceful problem solver, trusted leader, effective communicator and skillful team player.

### Practice Areas

- Land Use Public Affairs
  - o Political Viability Assessment
  - Community Outreach and Mobilization
  - Media Relations
  - o Project Advocacy
  - o Public Hearings Prep
- Government Relations and Advocacy
- Press and News Media Relations
- Reputation Management
- Public-Private-Nonprofit Partnerships
- Issue and Crisis Management
- Events Management
- Marketing Communications and Business Development

## Core Industries

- Energy
- Commercial and Residential Real Estate Development
- Wireless and Telecommunications
- **Environment and Sustainability**
- Education
- Retail

## Accomplishments

- Gained land-use entitlements and government approvals for controversial big box stores representing over \$120,000,000 in annual sales.
- Won approvals for master-planned communities and new residential developments.
- Won approval for PACE Energy financing program in San Diego and Chula Vista
- Gained approval for cell towers and wireless infrastructure systems throughout California.
- Successfully advocated for water district for fair water rates
- Conducted numerous press conferences garnering media hits on TV and radio and print outlets