

# Brent A. Robinson

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## EDUCATION

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## EXPERIENCE

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01/2021 – Current

### *Strategic Advisor*

01/2021 – Current

- Senior advisor to the CEO on company strategic communications, intergovernmental affairs, employee engagement strategy, and Diversity & Inclusion policy and strategy (b)(6)
- Provide strategic advice regarding organizational management issues, policy and process development in all areas.
- Independently analyzing work performed and extract forecast insights for Transportation business lines, revenue generation, or business resiliency for public agency consisting of 275 employees and a budget of \$793 million.

### **Office of United States Senator Kamala D. Harris**

02/2017 – 01/2021

#### *District Director*

08/2018 – 01/2021

- Direct and manage regional field staff in Los Angeles headquarters office.
- Develop and implement public engagement strategy for Southern California region. Advise senior executive leadership on public engagement strategy and policy solutions for in-state issues and intergovernmental affairs.
- Co-chair, Office of U.S. Sen. Kamala Harris Staff Committee on Cultural Competency, Diversity & Inclusion.
- Preside over weekly meetings with 16 Diversity and Inclusion Committee staff participants.
- Developed Diversity & Inclusion Committee search process for identifying trainer in cultural competency and diversity & inclusion issues; conduct multiple mandatory trainings for full senate staff.
- Led committee in developing culturally competent office policy and operational recommendations consistent with the Senator's vision for diverse and effective office environment.
- Organize and execute Senator's standing call with California's thirteen large metropolitan city mayors, providing critical legislative updates. Led stakeholder engagement to inform Senator Harris' policy and legislative action.
- Maintain relationships with key stakeholders, public officials, elected officials, community advocates, institutions of higher education, businesses, special districts, tribal stakeholders, and sovereign nations.
- Coordinate with first responders and emergency management personnel when emergency operations are activated in order to recommend appropriate federal resources to respond to natural disasters and/or other emergency operations.
- Prepare policy briefings for Senator regarding regional impacts of federal policy in all issue areas.
- Led Senator's local office response to concerns with Federal Aviation Administration's Next-Gen Metroplex program.
- Led office engagement response regarding conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan with California and national stakeholder groups. Worked directly with Senator Harris' National Security Advisor to draft and propose her response and anticipated communications from stakeholders.
- Represented Senator on South San Fernando Valley Noise Task Force for over ten months, along side local mayors and city council members, and other congressional offices within impacted areas of severe disruption from air traffic.

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- Deliver public speeches on Senator's behalf throughout Southern California region.
- Raised concerns due to rising COVID-19 cases and deaths among inmates in Lompoc Federal Correctional Center and Terminal Island Prison. Coordinated follow up conversations between Senator Harris' office and wardens of each prison and U.S. Department of Justice Executive office of Attorney General William Barr. Conversations resulted in changes in policy and safety protocols leading to significant reduction in transmission and COVID-19 related deaths.
- Coordinated with regional Small Business Administration staff and work on policy clarifications that led to Senator's proposed *Saving Our Streets Act* and the Paycheck Protection Program Transparency Act in response to COVID-19.
- Led development, creation, staffing, and document preparation of Senator's Economic Justice Roundtable in Watts, CA. Event convened over 20 key stakeholders at intersection of labor, workforce development, trade, justice reform, small business, advocacy, Veterans Affairs, and housing. Work established for this event laid foundation for DC policy team's ability to mount swift racial justice-informed legislative response to economic fallout from COVID-19.
- Drafted "Field Intern Manual," utilized across all five state regional office locations. Policy was so successful that framework was also used for training all casework and administrative interns.

*Field Representative*

02/2017 – 07/2018

- Coordinated and implemented public engagement for Los Angeles within Director's strategy with key stakeholders, public officials, elected officials, community advocates, and businesses.
- Stakeholders included leadership of critical infrastructure including sea ports, airports, transit authorities, and water delivery systems; labor union leaders; regional military installations including Los Angeles Air Force Base, Vandenberg Air Force Base, Andrews Air Force Base, Joint Forces Base Los Alamitos, China Lake Naval Base, and Naval Base Point Magu; National Aeronautics & Space Administration (NASA) Space Centers including Jet Propulsion Laboratory and Neil Armstrong Flight Research Center, and commercial aerospace manufacturers throughout region.
- Prepared policy briefings regarding regional policy, directed advance, and staffed Senator at regional events.
- Made public speeches on Senator's behalf throughout Los Angeles region.

**Kamala Harris for U.S. Senate, Campaign**

10/2015 – 12/2016

*Outreach Director*

07/2016 – 12/2016

- Developed, organized and executed state-wide phone banking strategy for general election voter outreach; managed staff of over 50; executed over 40,000 calls.
- Developed, organized and executed Southern California volunteer outreach; recruited team of over 120 repeat volunteers for Southern California field campaign strategy.
- Executed political outreach strategy with African-American elected officials in Southern California.
- Developed, organized and executed crowd building strategy for all principal's general election rallies statewide; successfully built standing room only crowds totaling over 2,500 attendees.

*Regional Ambassador*

10/2015 – 7/2016

- Scheduler and co-manager of community outreach campaign events in Southern California.
- Directed advance for all Southern California public events for candidate.
- Executed fundraising events with supportive donors, averaging over \$50,000 per event.
- Organized delegate voters within 39<sup>th</sup>, 45<sup>th</sup>, 46<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 54<sup>th</sup>, 59<sup>th</sup>, 62<sup>nd</sup>, & 64<sup>th</sup> CA Assembly Districts.
- Campaign Booth Director for 2016 California Democratic Convention; managed over 75 volunteers.

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07/2009 – 04/2015

*Vice President of Sales, Marketing, & Operations*

- Developed global sourcing strategies and supply chain logistics for overseas manufacturing.
- Supervised and managed sales department and graphic design department staff.
- Created and co-managed Research & Development department for lacrosse and football soft goods.

**HONORS & AWARDS / AFFILIATIONS**

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