

# Jonathon Bertran-Harris

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Legislative Assistant, Office of California Senator Kamala D. Harris** 2017-2020

- Second person hired to Sen. Harris's legislative team.
- Bottom-line responsibility for agriculture, food insecurity, trade, census, and postal service portfolios.
- Provided support for immigration and Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs portfolio.
- Staffed Sen. Harris at meetings, committee hearings, and committee markups.
- Wrote policy briefings, vote recommendation memos, sign-on memos, and co-sponsorship memos.
- Led in-person briefings with Sen. Harris.
- Drafted and introduced legislation.
- Drafted and sent oversight and sign-on letters.
- Drafted talking points for Sen. Harris.
- Interacted with committee staff, other offices, federal agencies, state agencies, and other important stakeholders.

**Policy Analyst, Executive Office of California Attorney General Kamala D. Harris** 2011-2016

- Implemented a new office-wide document-review process to improve quality and timeliness of briefings for AG Harris.
- Wrote policy briefings and talking points for AG Harris.
- Established and administered the California Attorney General's Honors Program, a new hiring program designed to recruit recent law school graduates to serve as attorneys in the California Department of Justice.
  - Received the Attorney General's Award for Sustained Superior Accomplishment for this work.
- Served as a researcher and the primary product manager for the 2014 report "Gangs Beyond Borders: California and the Fight Against Transnational Organized Crime."

**Special Assistant to the Chief-of-Staff, Office of the Governor of California** 2010-2011

- Assisted Chief-of-Staff in implementing Governor Schwarzenegger's policy priorities.
- Wrote policy briefings for Governor Schwarzenegger.
- Scheduled and attended meetings between the Chief-of-Staff and key stakeholders.

**Speechwriter, Office of the Chief Information Officer of California** 2008-2009

- Fifth hire at the Office of the Chief Information Officer, a Cabinet-level state agency.
- Wrote more than 60 speeches for the state CIO. Staffed the CIO at public events.
- Wrote the legislatively mandated 2009 and 2010 California Information Technology Strategic Plan, which was the first statewide planning document for IT in California state government.

**Constituent Affairs Representative, Office of the Governor of California** 2007-2008

- Represented the Governor's Office to constituents, state agencies, and other stakeholders.
- Changed an office policy that decreased the amount of time constituents waited for military retirement letters from 30 days to 2 days.

## EDUCATION

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