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SUMMARY

Technology and social-change executive with 20 years of experience leading public-interest technology, data, and innovation-policy initiatives across city government, philanthropy, and national nonprofit institutions. Proven track record designing programs on AI, data, and emerging technology; managing multimillion-dollar portfolios; and serving as a trusted advisor to elected officials, agency leadership, and cross-sector partners.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

New America | *Senior Fellow*

July 2026 – Present

- Drive research and thought leadership for RethinkAI, mobilizing a national network of technical and local experts, including its Civic AI Advisory Trust, to advance AI-enabled solutions to critical public challenges, and shaping policy that reflects community needs.

New America | *Vice President, Technology & Democracy Programs*

November 2022 – July 2026

- Oversaw five programs and initiatives focused on technology as a tool to advance democracy, sustain rights, reduce inequality, and improve lives. Led the transition towards a more coordinated, cohesive set of programs under a joint mission.
- Secured approximately \$10 million in funding and led communications efforts resulting in increased engagement, thought leadership, and national media presence.
- Programmatic Highlights include:
 - Convened the Shangri-La Dialogue on AI and Middle Powers – a governance roundtable with leaders from middle power countries across Europe, North America, Asia, Latin America, and Africa
 - Launched RethinkAI, a cross-sector initiative supporting safe, effective, and equitable applications of artificial intelligence in cities.
 - Stewarded the successful transition of various seminal programs, Ranking Digital Rights and PIT-University Network, incubated at New America

John S. and James L. Knight Foundation | *Director, National Strategy + Technology Innovation*

September 2017 – November 2022

- Managed a national portfolio valued at \$13 million per year across eight communities for a nonprofit foundation awarding \$110 million in grants annually.
- Led strategy development for the Smart Cities initiative to advance data accessibility and trust, urban mobility, and technology in public places.
- Developed a \$5 million+ Autonomous Vehicle Initiative, designing self-driving vehicle pilots centered on resident engagement in five cities.
- Led a \$1 million open call to build models for responsible big-data use, resident engagement, and public trust.

Office of Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti | *Chief Data Officer*

May 2015 – September 2017

- Managed expansion of data science and analytics, development of user-centered digital services, and growth of the City's open data program; led the Mayor's data transparency directive.
- Oversaw data stewardship for 41 city departments through development of a citywide interagency data collaborative; initiated Data Angels to build a talent recruitment pipeline for the City.

- Developed GeoHub in partnership with Esri, a first-of-its-kind geospatial data management solution integrating information across the City's 41 departments.
- Established a partnership with Cal State LA that led to a nearly \$1 million National Science Foundation grant to increase data accessibility and civic engagement.
- Oversaw publishing of 1,000+ city datasets and APIs, management of five data portals, and delivery of 15+ digital services, apps, and dashboards.

2-1-1 California | *Founding Director*

January 2010 – June 2014

- Raised \$5 million+ to transform the data and technology infrastructure of 26 nonprofits providing service to 98% of California's population.
- Led the transformation from a volunteer-led organization to a governed entity recognized by the California Public Utilities Commission as the lead entity for 2-1-1 service in California.
- Led the design and planning of digital transformation for a network of 26 organizations operating in 31 counties and serving 33 million Californians.
- Implemented a \$1.8 million American Recovery and Reinvestment Act grant, delivering low-cost computers to 3,500+ households and low-cost broadband to 7,000+ households in collaboration with the California Emerging Technology Fund.

Adaptive Muse | *Nonprofit Consultant & Principal*

November 2008 – May 2015

- Delivered organizational and board-development technical assistance to grantees of the California Community Foundation's Preparing Achievers for Tomorrow program.
- Developed and executed speaker training for LAC-USC Medical Center staff conducting outreach to the Camino de Salud clinic network.
- Evaluated a youth fellowship program, facilitated logic-model development, and created a strategic plan in partnership with Legacy LA.

LA County Children's Planning Council | *Policy Manager*

July 2007 – November 2008

- Advanced policy adoption of L.A. County's Family Economic Success Plan and Probation Juvenile Halls and Camps education reform.
- Led development of grassroots advocacy training for the Service Planning Area Council and oversaw the County's Earned Income Tax Credit Partnership Campaign.

Service Employees International Union, Local 721 | *Policy & Research Associate*

August 2004 – July 2007

- Served as Chief Negotiator implementing California Proposition 63 (Mental Health Services Act), representing the public sector on the County Systems Leadership Team.
- Negotiated a dependent care benefit for LA County employees and expanded the County's Health Care Workforce Development Program training verticals in mental health and technology.

EDUCATION

Master of Public Policy — University of California, Los Angeles (Awarded Honors for Master's Thesis)

Bachelor of Arts, International Studies — University of California, Irvine (Cum Laude)

TRAINING & LANGUAGES

- Global Change Agents: Leading with Commitment, Creativity and Courage — Harvard Kennedy School, 2014
- Certification in Human Rights Education — René Cassin International Human Rights Institute, 2003
- Fluent in Spanish; conversant in French

APPOINTMENTS & ASSOCIATIONS

- Member, Board of Governors, California Community Colleges (July 2025 – Present)
- Member, Philanthropy Steering Committee, Partnership on AI (2024-2026)
- Board Member, Next City (2024 – Present)
- Public Voices Fellow, The OpEd Project (2023 – 2024)
- Founding Member, Civic Analytics Network (2015 – 2017)
- Vice Chair, Social Action Partners (2012 – 2017)
- Member, Covered California, Marketing, Outreach, Education & Enrollment Advisory Committee (2013 – 2014)
- Vice Chair, Steering Committee, 211US (2010 – 2014)
- Member-at-Large, Board of Directors, Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles (2008 – 2012)
- Fellow, Southern California Leadership Network – Leadership Los Angeles (2008)

REPORTS & PUBLICATIONS – HIGHLIGHTS

- [AI for Middle Powers](#) – New America, 2026
- [Trump's TikTok and the Growing State of Authoritarianism](#) — New America, 2026
- [How to Rebuild Public Trust in Technology and Government](#) — Tech Policy Press, 2025
- [Texas's Online Age-Verification Law Must Be Overturned](#) — Project Syndicate, 2025
- [Raised by Screens](#) — Nexos, 2025
- [What Can Mexico Learn from Global Approaches to Online Age Verification?](#) – Nexos 2025
- ["Fear and Excitement" Are Driving AI Discourse in Government](#) — StateScoop, 2025
- [Technology and Democracy 2025 Impact Report](#) — New America, 2025
- [A Historical Model for AI Regulation and Collaboration](#) — SSIR, 2024
- [An AI Future Worth Building](#) — Fulcrum, 2024
- [A Digital Equity Agenda for Democracy: 5 Tech Policy Recommendations for the New Administration](#) — New America, 2024
- [The Power of Open Data to Transform and Engage Communities: A Call for Ideas](#) — Knight Foundation, 2019
- [Informed and Engaged Communities Foster Strong Democracies](#) — Medium/PACE Infogagement, 2018