

ANTONIO VILLARAIGOSA

41st MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND CANDIDATE FOR CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR

Antonio Villaraigosa is a respected voice in American politics and a prominent policymaker with a keen understanding of America's mainstream and emerging communities. Known for his exceptional skill at building broad bi-partisan coalitions, he draws support from the broad center of both Democratic and Republican voters. Recently, Mr. Villaraigosa announced his candidacy for governor of California.

In 2013, Mr. Villaraigosa finished his two terms as 41st Mayor of the City of Los Angeles, after eight years of major strides in transportation, crime reduction, infrastructure, energy and resource sustainability, right-sizing government, business development and education reform.

Prior to his election as Mayor, Mr. Villaraigosa served as a member of the Los Angeles City Council from 2003 to 2005. From 1994 through 2000, Mr. Villaraigosa served in the California State Assembly as Democratic Whip, Majority Leader and Speaker of the Assembly. He was a member of President Obama's Transition Economic Advisory Board and was the 2012 Chairman of the Democratic National Convention.

Mr. Villaraigosa also has served in academia, as a fellow at Harvard University and a professor in public policy at the University of Southern California. He also is a senior fellow at the Bipartisan Policy Institute in Washington, D.C. Additionally, he works in the private sector as a Senior Advisor with Banc of California, amongst others, and serves on the McGraw Hill Global Education board of directors.