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Mayor's Staff Biographies

Kunal Merchant, Chief of Staff

Kunal joined the Johnson Administration with a background in management consulting, education, health care, and economic policy. Most recently, Kunal served as a Senior Associate at Katzenbach Partners, where he advised chief executives on strategy and management. Kunal has also served as Founder and Director of Project HEALTH DC, and Director of Selection for the New York City Teaching Fellows program. Kunal's public sector experience includes tenures at the White House National Economic Council during the Clinton Administration, and volunteer and advisory roles to several local, state and national political campaigns. Kunal graduated *magna cum laude* from Harvard University with an A.B. in Economics, and earned his M.B.A. from Harvard Business School.

R.E. Graswich, Special Assistant to the Mayor

R.E. Graswich joined Mayor Johnson's staff as Special Assistant in August 2009 after a 37-year career in journalism and broadcasting. R.E. spent more than three decades with the Sacramento Bee as a reporter and columnist before moving to broadcast journalism. He co-anchored the afternoon news on KFBK radio and did commentaries for CBS 13 television and writes a monthly column for Sacramento Magazine. R.E. lives in Sacramento with his wife, Elizabeth Graswich, Director of Communications for the Elk Grove Unified School District, and children William and Robert.

Adrienne Hall, Executive Assistant

Prior to joining the Mayor's office, Hall worked as Media and Events Coordinator for Kevin Johnson's non-profit organization St. HOPE for more than 8 years. Previous to her work with St. HOPE, Hall served as Assistant Director of Media Relations for the WNBA's Phoenix Mercury and Phoenix Suns. With a true passion for education and serving her community, Hall is committed to making a difference in the lives of others. Born and raised in the Bay Area, California, Adrienne Hall graduated from Arizona State University with a BA in Broadcast Journalism.

Daniel Lopez, Special Assistant

Daniel Lopez joined the Kevin Johnson for Mayor campaign and served as special assistant. Lopez was responsible for advancing and coordinating all of the meetings and public appearances. Prior to joining the Kevin Johnson campaign, Lopez served as a press aide for Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi. Lopez has also served as an event coordinator for the Obama for America campaign and as administrative director for former State Treasurer Phil Angelides in his campaign for Governor. Lopez earned a BA Degree in Government and Journalism from CSU Sacramento.