

Robert Garcia (CA-42)



Biography

BIRTH DATE

Unknown

EDUCATION

EdD, Educational Leadership,
California State Univ., 2010
MA, Communications Management,
Univ. of Southern California, 2005
BA, Communication Studies,
California State Univ., 2002

FAMILY

Unknown

Background

A former university educator and mayor of Long Beach, California, Garcia became the next representative of California's 42nd District in 2022

Immigrated to the US from Lima, Peru, at the age of 5 and spent most of his childhood in Covina, California; attended schools in southern California, earning his bachelor's degree and a doctorate in education from California State University's Long Beach campus

Blending his background in communications and higher education, Garcia taught communications studies from 2005 until 2007, when he co-founded a news website called the Long Beach Post and pivoted from his faculty position to serve as the communications director for Long Beach City College

First entered politics as a member of the Long Beach City Council, where he served from 2009 to 2014, the last two years of which Garcia was the vice mayor; in 2014, Garcia was elected mayor of Long Beach and became the city's first immigrant and openly LGBTQ+ mayor

Since becoming mayor in 2014, Garcia implemented a significant infrastructure repair program, a cannabis tax, and an ethics and redistricting commission all of which were passed by ballot initiative

District Profile

COOK PVI	2022 VOTE RATING	DISTRICT LOCATION
D+22	Solid D	Long Beach and nearby suburbs

Election Results

2022 GENERAL	
Garcia	68%
Briscoe	32%

SOURCE Associated Press; Vignette, by National Journal
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