



Araceli Campos

Araceli Campos is Executive Director of the Miguel Contreras Foundation (MCF), a new 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with a mission to serve and empower working families in Los Angeles County. MCF honors the legacy of labor leader Miguel Contreras, who championed excluded workers into the workers' rights movement and political power in California. MCF is housed at the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO.

Before MCF, Araceli served as national Corporate Counsel for the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF), one of the largest Latino civil rights organizations in the United States. Araceli supported MALDEF's work in the areas of education, immigrant rights, workers' rights, and voting rights. Araceli began her legal career at Manatt, Phelps & Phillips in Los Angeles and New York. She represented entrepreneur/media clients in government investigations and First Amendment litigation before moving into transactional law. Araceli is also a past Board Member and Civil Rights Committee Chair for the Mexican American Bar Association of Los Angeles (MABA).

In her public service, Araceli is part of the historic 54% female appointees of Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti. Before moving to the Ethics Commission, Araceli served for almost 10 years as the youngest President in the history of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). First appointed to the CSW by Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Araceli supported the Villaraigosa Administration's revival of the CSW. Araceli then supported the Garcetti Administration's prioritization of gender equity, reflected in the first-of-its-kind gender study of Los Angeles and implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) in City departments. Araceli also served as Vice President of the Association of California Commissions for Women (ACCW).

Araceli is a first-generation American with parents from rural Mexico and Cuba. The product of Los Angeles public schools, she is the first in her family to graduate from middle, high school, college, and law school. Araceli attended Yale University and Stanford Law School.