

Gabriel Esparza

Associate Administrator

Office of International Trade



Mr. Esparza has been selected to serve as Associate Administrator for the Office of International Trade at the U.S. Small Business Administration. In this role, Mr. Esparza will be responsible for leading Export Loan Programs; the State Trade Expansion Program (STEP) and assisting small businesses in trade.

Previously, Mr. Esparza served as a public official in the City of Los Angeles, appointed by the Mayor to the Board of Civil Service Commissioners, and as Vice President of Global Business Development in the Commercial Payments division at American Express. A seasoned executive with over 25 years of experience leading businesses, spanning both large corporations and nimble startups, Mr. Esparza has also spent the past five years as an investor, advisor, and operator in a variety of entrepreneurial ventures. In addition, Mr. Esparza played an integral role at RapidSOS, a government tech platform that provides a data-driven way for people to communicate with 911.

He attended Stanford University and Harvard Business School.