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Marco Antonio Firebaugh serves as President of MAF Strategic Consulting, Inc., a full service public affairs firm specializing in the representation of public and private agencies. He is also a Visiting Professor and Policy Fellow at the UCLA School of Medicine, Center for the Study of Latino Health and Culture.

Mr. Firebaugh served in the California State Assembly from 1998 to 2004 representing the 50th Assembly District located in southeast Los Angeles County. During his tenure in the Assembly, Mr. Firebaugh was recognized for an impressive legislative and advocacy record on behalf of California's working families and their children. Moreover, the experience established him as a leader and role model in the Latino community.

From 2002 to 2004, Mr. Firebaugh served as Chairman of the California Latino Legislative Caucus where he was responsible for managing the development of the Latino Caucus' annual *Agenda for California's Working Families* a policy document that focuses on issues affecting California's diverse population. Under his stewardship the Latino Caucus grew from 22 to 27 members making it the largest and most influential Caucus in the Legislature.

Mr. Firebaugh also led the effort to appoint more qualified Latinos and Latinas to high-level positions in state government, including the appointment of only the second Latino to serve on the California Supreme Court, the first Latina to serve as Chancellor of a University of California campus, and two additional Latino Presidents at the California State University at Fresno and Sacramento.

Because of his effectiveness both as a policymaker and a political leader, Mr. Firebaugh was appointed Majority Floor Leader in 2002. Alongside former Speaker Herb J. Wesson, Jr., Mr. Firebaugh served as Floor Leader from 2002 to 2004 making him the highest-ranking Latino in the Assembly and one of the chief negotiators for Assembly Democrats. As Floor Leader, he was responsible for the operations and procedures of the Assembly during floor sessions.

In the Assembly, Mr. Firebaugh authored landmark legislation to permit California high school students to pursue a college education regardless of their immigration status. Additionally, he authored air quality legislation that provides funding for the state's most important air emissions reductions programs and that ensures that state funding be targeted to low-income communities that are most severely impacted by air pollution.

Mr. Firebaugh also served six years on the State Allocation Board ("SAB"), which provides funding for public school construction and modernization. During his tenure on the SAB, California invested more than \$16 billion in the construction and modernization of public schools making it the largest investment in public school improvements in the history of the state.

Mr. Firebaugh holds a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from the University of California at Berkeley and a law degree from the UCLA School of Law. He resides in the City of Whittier and has two children, Ariana and Nicolas.