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## **MIKE GARCIA**

Driven by a love of country, Mike Garcia, a first-generation American has served his nation in combat, in business and in Congress. After graduating from the US Naval Academy with Distinction and earning a Masters degree from Georgetown University in National Security Studies, he set records in flight school to become one of the Navy's first F/A-18 Super Hornet strike fighter pilots. Mike flew over 30 combat missions during Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003, logged more than 1500 tactical hours and landed on an aircraft carrier more than 300 times.

Upon leaving the Navy Mike joined the Raytheon company for 11 years. As a vice president at Raytheon's Space and Airborne Systems he was accountable for \$5.5-7B in bookings per year and was responsible for profit/loss of a product line with revenue of ~\$350M/year. During his time at Raytheon he captured nearly a dozen intensely competitive program pursuits valued in excess of \$5B.

As a Congressman, Mike represented California's 27th District (North Los Angeles County). He sat on the House Appropriations Committee, the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (Intel Committee or HPSCI) and the Science, Space and Technology Committee (SST). As such, Mike was the Authorizer and/or Appropriator for every DoD, Space (NASA, commercial sector) and Intelligence (CIA, FBI, DIA, etc) program with jurisdiction over nearly \$1T in annual appropriations.

While in one of the most competitive seats in the Nation, Mike was respected by both parties and was viewed as the subject matter expert for all matters related to DoD and National Security. He was always the rational actor in the room and many of his products were the backbone of what became or are becoming formal National Security Policies. His allegiances have always been to the Country and not to a political party. Mike believes our nation needs stronger leaders and weaker parties. Americans and legislators should be inspired to serve, not recruited.

He was the first member of his party to flip a seat in CA in 22 years and was the first Hispanic to serve in Congress from his party from CA since 1883.