



Los Angeles Area
Chamber of Commerce

ORLANDO WARD
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
THE MIDNIGHT MISSION

A native of Southern California, Orlando Ward has been with The Midnight Mission since 1999, and in association with the Office of the President and the Office of Development, created the Office of Public Affairs. Ward oversees governmental, public, community and media relations for the Mission. Ward is also directly responsible for the charity's Speaker's Bureau and trains and assigns upper management to effectively represent the organization at various community venues. A master salesman by trade, Ward often assists major fund development efforts by utilizing his unique closing skills during presentations and solicitations.

Ward has served on the Affordable Housing Commission of the City of Los Angeles and currently serves as Chair of the Center City Redevelopment Project – Project Area Committee (CRA). Ward is the Chairman of the Central City Association's Public Health and Safety Committee, a Board member of Skid Row Development Corporation and is active in a number of community-based organizations including the Downtown LA Neighborhood Council and the Los Angeles Central Providers Collaborative.

Ward also has served on Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa's Special Committee on Homelessness, the Los Angeles County task force for the Prevention and Reduction of Homelessness and the BringLA Ten Plan to End Homelessness.

In 2004, Ward was honored to be named one of the Treasures of Los Angeles by the Central City Association and LA business community. In 2005 he was named as one of the faces of change by Los Angeles Alternative magazine. He has held upper management and sales positions with the Xerox Corporation, the Eastridge Group and the United Way.

Ward attended Stanford University, and resides in the city of Corona with his wife and three children.