

# RON GALPERIN

## BIOGRAPHY

**RON GALPERIN** is known for taking on challenges and finding creative solutions. Los Angeles voters elected Galperin in 2013, and again in 2017, as Controller, Chief Financial Officer and independent watchdog for the second biggest city in the U.S.. He is experienced in bringing leadership, innovation, measurable results and management to complex budgets, organizations and initiatives.



### A Leader in Innovation

Galperin revolutionized how Los Angeles works with data, technology, audits, reports, maps and more. He created L.A.'s first open data portal: Control Panel LA., detailing every dollar spent on goods and services, and measuring results. Because of his nationally recognized efforts, L.A. was named "No. 1 Digital City" by the U.S. City Open Data Census three years in a row. Government Technology Magazine also named Galperin one of its "Top 25 Doers, Dreamers and Drivers." Galperin also pioneered the use of data to promote greater social, economic and educational equity - launching the first ever L.A. Equity Index.

### Measurable Results

Galperin has tackled some of the most serious issues of our time, including how to better address homelessness and affordable housing, protect our environment, improve public safety, efficiently manage budgets and pension funds, maintain and upgrade infrastructure and strengthen crucial services. His work has included oversight and management of airport and port operations, public parks, emergency services, illegal dumping, City-owned properties and much more.

### Background

Galperin has an extensive reputation as a leading voice for innovation in government, and both the for-profit and nonprofit sectors. Before serving as L.A.'s Controller, he led several City and County commissions and has served on the boards of various community and non-profit organizations. Galperin has extensive experience as both an attorney and small business owner, earning his B.A. from Washington University in St. Louis, his law degree from Loyola Law School in Los Angeles and a certification from the Senior Executives in State and Local Government Program at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government. A son of immigrant parents, he and his husband, Rabbi Zachary Shapiro, are the proud parents of young twins – Maya and Eli.

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## I. PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**CONTROLLER / CHIEF FISCAL & FINANCIAL OFFICER:** City of Los Angeles' elected Controller / Chief Fiscal & Financial Officer. Responsible for audits, payroll and disbursements, preparing financial reports, pursuing waste and fraud, and spearheading the use of dashboards, mapping, reporting, visualizations to promote greater social, economic & educational equity. (2013-2022)

**ATTORNEY:** Member State Bar of CA. Represented businesses, non-profits, individuals, associations and foundations in negotiations, trials, hearings, and dispute resolutions. Founded own law office and worked for two prominent firms. (1993-2013)

**BUSINESS EXPERIENCE:**

Started and managed news syndication service, real estate brokerage & business consultancy.

**JOURNALISM & WRITING EXPERIENCE:**

Writer and editor for numerous publications, including 350+ articles and columns for the L.A. Times. Served as an editor for the L.A. Business Journal, L.A. Daily Commerce, L.A. Daily Journal and the American Court & Commercial Newspaper News Service.

## II. EDUCATION

**HARVARD UNIVERSITY, KENNEDY SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT,** Senior Executives in State and Local Government Program. (2018)

**LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL,** Los Angeles, California. Juris Doctor. (1993).

**WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY,** St. Louis, MO. B.A.: English. Minors: Business & Political Science (1985).

**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES.** Studies in journalism & music. (1986-1988).

**THE WASHINGTON CENTER,** Political science studies, Washington, D.C. (1984).

## III. TESTIMONIALS

**Wall Street Journal** – “Galperin has put the checkbooks of different departments online, making every dollar spent downloadable and searchable, and it’s been popular.” (2016).

**Los Angeles Times** – “The right man for the job” (2013). “Galperin’s biggest achievement in office so far has been his open data project ...the rapidity with which he was able to compile and post smartly organized data on salaries, spending and the budget exploded the usual trope about painfully slow bureaucracies.” (2015).

**San Francisco Chronicle** – “Galperin ... has shown himself to be capable of taking complicated topics and making them interesting and digestible to the public.” (2022).

**Orange County Register** – “Galperin has done an admirable job of increasing transparency to the public ... that enable(s) L.A. taxpayers to see where their money is going and hold their elected officials accountable.” (2022).

**Los Angeles Daily News** – “Galperin seems to have been born for all aspects of the job. He displays a formidable wonkishness.” (2013). “Galperin ... deserves credit for the audits and frankly critical reports he has written about the shortcomings of city spending...” (2020).

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## IV. CIVIC & COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

**CITY OF LOS ANGELES COMMISSION ON REVENUE EFFICIENCY**. Chair -- Tasked with reforming City revenues and collections, and with improving efficiency of operations.

**CITY OF LOS ANGELES INNOVATION COMMISSION**. President -- Worked with City departments to improve efficiency, cut waste and provide quality services to the public.

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES QUALITY & PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION**: Commissioner -- Developed programming to bolster government efficiency and effectiveness; collaborated with private sector, nonprofits and academia. Awarded grants to innovative projects.

**HOME FOR GOOD**: (United Way & the L.A. Chamber of Commerce). Founding member -- of joint task force to address homelessness.

**FED UP WITH HUNGER CAMPAIGN**: Chair -- of community wide initiative of the L.A. Jewish Federation and the Community Relations Committee to raise awareness and support to end hunger and to promote better nutrition.

**TEACHER / INSTRUCTOR / LECTURER**: Guest instructor at numerous universities and colleges on subjects of political science, data science and government innovation, including: UCLA, USC, L.A. City College, Pierce College, Cal State L.A., Cal State Northridge, Cal Poly Pomona, Loyola Marymount, and others. Also taught L.A. Government classes through the L.A. Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment and the Congress of Neighborhoods.

**LGBTQ+ LEADERSHIP**: L.A.'s first citywide LGBTQ+ elected official. Served as a member of the LGBTQ+ Advisory Council of the Los Angeles Human Relations Commission. Active over the years in the movement for marriage equality and supporting LGBTQ+ candidates and allies. Have worked collaboratively and been endorsed in elections by major LGBTQ+ organizations such as Equality CA, the Victory Fund and HONOR PAC.

**JEWISH COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP**: Involved with varied Jewish communal organizations, including L.A. Jewish Federation, ADL, AJC, the Israeli American Council and others.

**ENGAGEMENT WITH DIVERSE COMMUNITIES**: Long-standing and deep relationships with civic, political, business and professional organizations and leaders of diverse communities, including African-American, LatinX, and AAPI communities.

## V. MEDIA

Media appearances across television, radio & internet include: CNBC, MSNBC, CBS 2, NBC 4, KABC 7, KCAL 9, Fox 11, KLCS Public Television, LA Channel 35, KCRW Radio, KABC Radio, KFI Radio, KNX Radio, KPCC Radio, and numerous others.