



Cora Jackson-Fossett

Public Information Director II

BIOGRAPHY

Cora Jackson-Fossett is the Public Affairs Director for the City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works. In this capacity, she directs a staff of 16 in developing, implementing and administering more than 55 comprehensive programs and projects in media relations, community outreach, marketing communications, reputation management and crisis communications for the third largest municipal agency in Los Angeles.

Under her leadership, the Public Works Public Affairs Office has been the recipient of nine industry awards for its outstanding, creative, and highly effective communications programs. In addition, Jackson-Fossett has received four Los Angeles Emmy nominations for producing videos/DVDs about public works activities and operations.

Jackson-Fossett previously served as Principal Public Relations Representative for Los Angeles International Airport managing community relations and passenger services programs for the City. From 1978 to 1989, she was employed by the U.S. Postal Service as newsletter editor at the Gary, Ind. Post Office and public affairs specialist at postal facilities in Chicago and Long Beach.

Jackson-Fossett earned a bachelor's degree at Indiana University and completed graduate courses in media management at Columbia College in Chicago. Also, she holds certificates in marketing management and standardized emergency management.

She serves as president of the Los Angeles Association of Black Personnel and on the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles Professional Managers Association and the National Forum for Black Public Administrators – Southern California Chapter. She is also chairperson of the Professional Women in Public Works Sub-Committee of the American Public Works Association and Chair Pro Tem of the Board of Stewards of Brookins Community A.M.E. Church. In addition, she is a member of California Public Information Officials, Indiana University Alumni Association, and Southern California Waste Forum.