



The Indo-American Chamber of Commerce (IACC) congratulates Eric Garcetti on his confirmation as the U.S. Ambassador to India.

IACC's National President Dr. Lalit Bhasin says that "the India – U. S. relationship is extremely important and one of our most critical strategic relationships. It's a very good thing we now have a permanent Ambassador. On behalf of all IACC members I extend best wishes to Ambassador Garcetti for a very successful tour of duty in New Delhi.

As India has taken up the G20 presidency this year with the theme of "One Earth, One Family, One Future", the presence of Ambassador Garcetti in new Delhi would provide stimulus to the efforts of both the countries for achieving critical goals of exploring collaboration based on mutual trust and confidence, furthering the economic integration, bolstering transparency, resilience, and security in global supply chains and boost economic prosperity in both countries, as well as the Indo-Pacific region.

We welcome the appointment of former Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti as the U.S. Ambassador to India. IACC is grateful for the support received from Ambassador Elizabeth Jones as Chargé d'Affaires and look forward to continuing close engagement with the U.S. Embassy under Ambassador Garcetti for IACC's key objective of advancing bilateral trade and investment relationship."

Profile of Ambassador Garcetti:

Ambassador Garcetti was raised in the San Fernando Valley and earned his BA and MA from Columbia University. He studied as a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford and the London School of Economics and taught at Occidental College and USC. He was an officer in the US Navy reserve for 12 years.

When he was elected as the Mayor of Los Angeles in 2013 — a post he held till 2022 — he became the city's youngest mayor in 100 years. Before that, he served as President of the Los Angeles City Council from 2006 to 2012, and as a Councilmember of the 13th District before that.

He is an avid jazz pianist and photographer. He and his wife Amy Elaine Wakeland has a daughter.