

Tim Patton

After many years working on local, state and national political campaigns, Tim Patton became the first openly LGBTQ staffer for the City of Long Beach's Legislative Department in 1992 working for Councilmember Les Robbins. He followed by working for Councilmembers Jackie Kell, Bonnie Lowenthal, Suja Lowenthal, and Tonia Reyes Uranga. During that time, he worked to help pass the city's 1997 Domestic Partnership Ordinance and to extend city employee benefits to LGBTQ domestic partners and children. He then was the Long Beach Field Representative for Assemblymember Bonnie Lowenthal for her time on office, joining Mayor Garcia's staff when he came into office. Patton currently serves as the LGBTQ community liaison for Long Beach and as Senior Administrative Deputy to Garcia. Inducted into the Long Beach Harvey Milk Park Equality Plaza in 2019. Long time union member of CWA and IAM, L.A. County Democratic Party 2013 70th AD Man of the Year, 2013 Lambda Human Rights Award Honoree, past member of the L. A. County Democratic Central Committee, long time member of both the Democratic State and National LGBT Caucuses, Vice President of Political Action, Lambda Democratic Club, and served as Secretary for the Democratic Women's Study Club of Long Beach and member for over 30 years. Tim has performed as Lola LoBeach in the last three 'It's a Drag to Give' charity fundraisers that benefit local charities including The LGBTQ Center of LB. Tim lives in Long Beach with his husband, Jolson Pham, and their pack of 3 rescued dogs and rescued cat, Buttercup.