

Mark-Antonio Grant BIO

Born and raised in Newark, New Jersey, Mark-Antonio Grant moved to Los Angeles in 1978 after graduating from William Paterson University, where he earned a degree in Communications. Following six and a half years as an engineer with the American Broadcasting Company, he made a career change to the public service arena; which featured assignments with Santa Monica Chapter of the American Red Cross, the South Coast Air Quality Management District, the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation's "Best Campaign For A Drug Free Tomorrow;" and the Los Angeles Unified School District, first as a producer for the school television station KLCS, then as the Special Projects Coordinator for the Office of Communications, under Superintendent, Dr. Ruben Zacarias, until moving on to assume the responsibilities as Community Liaison for the Rita D. Walters Learning Complex, in 2001.

After campaigning in 2005 to elect Los Angeles Councilman Bill Rosendahl to his first term in office, Mark accepted a staff position with the Councilman, where his primary duties were to serve as the Councilman's Special Assistant, meeting the responsibilities as Staff Liaison for Public Works Projects and Public Safety issues, as well as representing the Councilman at various community events. As of November of 2015, Mark retired from meeting the same responsibilities for Councilman Rosendahl's successor, current Council District Eleven Councilman Mike Bonin.

As a side note, following Mark's 2009 cancer diagnosis, his battle with both the disease as well as the ensuing treatments brought about recognition from the Great Western Division of the American Cancer Society to honor him as a Hero of Hope / Profile of Courage recipient for the 2010 – 2011 year. The following year, the California Division of the American Cancer Society also honored Mark as their Hero of Hope / Profile of Courage recipient.

In this capacity, Mark serves as a volunteer, sharing the story of his experience, encouraging others to join in the battle against cancer; using various public venues as a platform to celebrate fellow survivors; honor those we have lost; and encourage others to be sure to get their regular check-ups; providing an inspiration and promoting the vision of a world where cancer is but a postscript in the pages of history.