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Lauren M. Vidas serves as president of Hazzouri and Associates, a full-service public strategies firm representing clients' interests at all levels of government in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland. Prior to cofounding the firm in January 2013,



Lauren served as Election Protection Director for the 2012 Obama campaign. In this role, Lauren was responsible for working with local and state election officials and political leaders to ensure a smoothly run election and for recruiting and managing a team of 2,000 legal volunteers on Election Day.

Prior to joining the Obama campaign, Lauren spent five years with the City of Philadelphia. Lauren first joined the City as a Legislative Aide to City Councilman Bill Green. During her time with Green, Lauren was responsible for drafting and analyzing legislation and serving as clerk of the City Council Committee on Labor and Civil Service. On behalf of Green, Lauren litigated a successful mandamus action against Mayor Michael Nutter related to the closure of multiple city library branches.

Lauren joined the Nutter Administration in 2010 as a Government and External Affairs Specialist and an Assistant to the Finance Director. In this role, Lauren served as a Mayoral liaison to elected officials and community leaders, assisting the Finance Director and Director of Legislative Affairs with complex and politically sensitive legislative matters. She advised the Mayor and other top Administration officials on policy matters and assisted with the development of legislative and external stakeholder strategies. Lauren worked closely with City Council offices and City agencies on

pending legislation and policy initiatives from development stage through final passage and implementation.

Lauren also served as a community liaison, speaking before over 50 of the City's neighborhood associations and developing relationships with both grassroots and grass tops leaders on behalf of the Mayor's office.

Lauren is currently a proud and active resident of the Graduate Hospital neighborhood and serves as chairwoman of the South of South Neighborhood Association (SOSNA). In her time at SOSNA, Lauren has worked to bring a shared vision of a neighborhood surrounded by vibrant commercial corridors and a clean and safe neighborhood to fruition.

Lauren earned her undergraduate degree from Saint Joseph's University in 2002 and her law degree, magna cum laude, from the University of Miami School of Law in 2005. Lauren maintains active membership in the Pennsylvania Bar (2006). She is admitted but inactive in Florida and New Jersey.