

Kevin Washo, Executive Director, Philadelphia 2016 Host Committee

Kevin Washo is Executive Director of the Host Committee for the 2016 Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia. In this role, he oversees all aspects of operation, fundraising, community outreach and strategic partnerships for the host committee, as well as having coordinated Philadelphia's successful bid to host the convention. Prior to his role as Executive Director of Philadelphia 2016, Kevin was Vice President of New Partners Consulting, a DC based political affairs firm.

From August 2010 to March 2013, Kevin served as the Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Democratic Party. During this time, the party quadrupled in size and became one of the largest, most effective Democratic operations in the country. He steered the party to historic gains in the 2012 election, helping to secure victories for President Obama, Senator Casey, and all three row offices in Pennsylvania for the first time in state history.

Kevin served as one of President Obama's senior strategists in Pennsylvania during the 2008 campaign, serving as the Pennsylvania Political Director. He continues to be close senior advisor to Senator Casey since the beginning of his campaign against Rick Santorum.

His work has been praised by pundits and elected officials alike. PoliticsPA twice named Kevin a "Top Political Operative" (PoliticsPA 12/9/10; 11/26/12) and US Senator Bob Casey lauded Kevin's "ability to win" and his leadership ability to "address the challenges facing Pennsylvania families" (PA Dems 07/26/10).

Kevin is a graduate of University of Pittsburgh, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Communications/Political Science. A Scranton, PA native, Kevin and his wife Liz reside in Philadelphia with their 2 year old daughter, Gracie.