



Larry Cohen was raised in San Diego, and attended UCSD where he received his Bachelors Degree in Political Science with an emphasis in international affairs. He received his MBA from Strayer University in December of 2021. Upon graduation from UCSD, he embarked on a life-long journey of community service. He worked as Juan Vargas' assistant campaign manager in his first successful run for the San Diego City Council in 1993. While at City Hall, his tenure included stints as a Legislative Director, Deputy Chief of Staff and Chief of Staff.

His ability to work with the community, government officials, and the private sector led to opportunities with Fortune 500 companies from around the globe. Mr. Cohen has over two decades of experience in the Pharmaceutical- Life Science Industry, having worked for Schering Plough, IntegenX (now Thermo-Fisher), and Merck KGaA of Darmstadt, Germany in a variety of management leadership positions. His work has taken him throughout the world where he's led sales teams from various backgrounds and cultures, all the while producing successful results for his colleagues and clients.

In August of 2020, Congressman Juan Vargas tapped his lifelong friend of over thirty years to be his Chief of Staff. He'll be in charge of the Congressman's two offices, his staff and all legislation. Larry and his wife Laura of over twenty-eight years have three boys they're raising in Carlsbad.