



Meet Michael

Michael Blake, CEO Atlas Strategy, Inc.

Michael's vision is simple: Bringing Equity and Justice to Scale. Blake has a record of delivering results including but not limited to being elected Vice-Chair of the Democratic National Committee, his three terms as a New York State Assembly Member, both Presidential campaigns for President Obama including serving as the Iowa Constituency Outreach Director and three Michigan victories.

In 2007, Time Magazine stated about Michael Blake's Iowa efforts: "At just 25 years old, Michael Blake may have more to do with Barack Obama's chances of becoming President than anyone besides the candidate himself. That may sound like a stretch, but Blake has the all-important job of bringing in new Iowa voters to caucus for the Illinois Senator. And while some campaigns may focus most of their efforts on one or two constituencies — the way John Kerry so successfully courted military veterans in 2004 — Obama is spending an unprecedented amount of money and effort to turn out a wide cross section of new caucus-goers."

Michael has a long history of progressive activism, both as an aide to President Barack Obama and as a New York State Assembly Member. In the Obama White House, Michael was part of the team that passed the Affordable Care Act, an economic stimulus package that ended the Great Recession, and a student loan bill that lowered the cost of attending college. Michael also created the White House Urban Entrepreneurship series to create job opportunities in cities across the country.



In Albany, Michael's signature legislation now ensures that Minority, Women and Small Businesses that contract with New York State and are below 300 employees are paid in 15 days instead of 30. Blake played a key role in passing crucial reforms to the state's criminal justice system including Raise The Age and Bail reform, passing one of the most ambitious climate change bills in American history, bringing President Obama's My Brothers' Keeper program to New York to support young men of color, securing millions of dollars to improve public housing, and funding the Diversity In Medicine program to provide ten scholarships to students of color each year.

A proud graduate of Northwestern University, The Bronx native is of Jamaican descent and is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha, Fraternity, Inc., 100 Black Men, five year term member of Council of Foreign Relations and former NYU and Harvard Kennedy School Institute of Politics Fellow.