

# RACHELLE CHONG



Rachelle Chong is a unique regulatory guru in California. A self-described policy geek, she has served as a Commissioner of the Federal Communications Commission under President Clinton as well as served as a California Public Utilities Commission under Governor Schwarzenegger. She is proud to be the "Mother of CASF", the CPUC's California Advanced Services Fund program. She conceived it in 2006, cajoled the other Commissioners to approve it, and implemented it at the CPUC. CASF was one of the early state broadband infrastructure grant programs in the nation. In that same era, she succeeded in urging the major broadband providers to voluntarily provide maps of their infrastructure in California, which helped pave the way for their agreement years later to provide the same data to the FCC. After her CPUC service, she worked at the California Technology Dept. (now California Department of Technology) as Special Counsel. She also has been a partner at two international law firms, Graham & James and Coudert Brothers, and served as General Counsel to two start ups, Broadband Office and Sidecar. At present, Commissioner Chong runs a law firm and lobbying firm in San Francisco, and represents a broad variety of clients, including GoldenStateNet (the Third Party Administrator designing/building/operating the 10,000+ California Middle Mile Broadband Initiative), competitive telecom providers and Internet service providers, iFoster, Waymo, and PROP, LLC (operator of the Treasure Island Ferry). She also serves on various boards and advisory boards as a telecom/energy expert.