

Jim Doumas has over 25 years experience working in the nonprofit and advocacy arena. He is the current Executive Vice President & Interim CEO of Sister Cities International, a 55 year old nonprofit citizen diplomacy network that creates and strengthens partnerships between U.S. and international communities. The goals of Sister Cities International are to build global cooperation at the municipal level, promote understanding, and stimulate economic development.

Before coming to Sister Cities, Jim served as the Government Affairs Director for the Association of Performing Arts Presenters (APAP), founded in 1957; the group is dedicated to advancing the performing arts field. Jim oversaw all aspects of the organizations advocacy efforts to engage Congress, state agencies, and association members to increase support for the Department of Education, FEMA relief funding for performing arts centers, and visa reform for visiting artists.

Jim's professional experience also includes managing state and national campaigns to promote highway safety issues. As the National Field Director for the Coalition Against Bigger Trucks (CABT) Jim was responsible for all aspects of the groups efforts to support intermodal transportation and harmonize state and federal trucking weight standards.

Jim graduated from Valparaiso University and has extensive local experience as a political organizer in Chicago as well as periodically acting as an international and election political trainer for various organizations including the National Democratic Institute, World Learning and the U.S. Department of State.