

## **ASSEMBLY PRIVACY AND CONSUMER PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

### **OUTCOMES REVIEW OVERSIGHT HEARING**

#### **Outcomes Review: AB 488 (Irwin, 2021) Charitable organizations: charitable fundraising platforms and platform charities**

Tuesday, February 17, 2026  
11 a.m. -- State Capitol, Room 437

#### **PANELIST BIOS**

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##### **Panel 1: Implementation, regulations, and enforcement of AB 488**

###### **Brian Gerard Armstrong, Supervising Deputy Attorney General, Office of the California Attorney General, Rob Bonta**

Brian Gerard Armstrong is a supervising deputy attorney general in the California Department of Justice's Charitable Trusts Section. He is responsible for safeguarding charitable donations and assets for the People of California. Previously, Brian Gerard served as a senior deputy attorney general in the Nevada Attorney General's Bureau of Consumer Protection, with a focus on antitrust law.

Brian Gerard earned his B.A in Rhetoric and Communications and Political Science from University of California, Davis, and a J.D. from University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School.

##### **Panel 2: Stakeholder perspective: Nonprofit organizations**

###### **Geoff Green, Chief Executive Officer of the California Association of Nonprofits (CalNonprofits)**

Geoff Green is the CEO of CalNonprofits, an alliance of thousands of nonprofits advancing policy advocacy, education, and research to build a more powerful and politically engaged nonprofit sector in California.

Prior to CalNonprofits, Geoff served as CEO of California's largest community college foundation, was a leader in the College Promise movement, and helped secure a record \$100M gift to two dozen community colleges. Before that he served as Executive Director of an activist-led community foundation which was a resource, convener, and funder for a wide range of innovative grassroots organizations working on issues including racial equity, environmental health, living wages, civil rights, and housing.

His previous work includes public affairs radio programming, campaign field organizing, and as a nonprofit trainer and facilitator. As a life-long advocate for public service, Geoff has served on dozens of nonprofit boards and committees and been both elected and appointed to public office.

##### **Panel 3: Stakeholder perspective: Online Charitable platform**

###### **Nick Aldridge, CEO, PayPal Giving Fund**

Nick is the CEO of PayPal Giving Fund, an IRS-registered 501(c)(3) public charity, which aims to reimagine everyday giving to help charities. PayPal Giving Fund enables the

world's leading online platforms to create opportunities for everyday charitable giving. PayPal Giving Fund has raised more than \$4bn and funds approximately 200,000 charities each year in the US and around the world.

**Emily Barson, Senior Director, Policy & Engagement, GoFundMe**

Emily Barson serves as Senior Director of Policy & Engagement at GoFundMe. In this role, she leads the platform's work with public officials and partners to advance GoFundMe's mission to *help people help each other*.

Emily has spent two decades on the front lines of political, governmental, and non-profit efforts. She has built coalitions and political movements that deliver meaningful results, working with states and other stakeholders and creating a reputation as someone who gets things done.

Previously, Emily was the founding Executive Director of United States of Care, a non-profit organization working to ensure that everyone can access quality, affordable health care. She also served as Director of Intergovernmental and External Affairs at the Department of Health and Human Services during the Obama Administration, leading the department's work with state, local, and tribal governments and external stakeholders.