

SWATI **CHANDRA**

New Ways To Work Consultant

LOCATION

Los Angeles, California

EXPERTISE

- Public Policy
- Strategic Planning
- Program Design & Implementation
- Change Management
- Cross-Sector Partnerships
- Capacity Building
- Technology & Innovation

EDUCATION

The Wharton School of Business
M.A., Business Administration
2006

Indian Institute of Foreign Trade
M.A., International Business
1999

Delhi University
B.S., Statistics
1997

WORK EXPERIENCE

Vice President, Strategic Innovation 2003–2025
Gannett Media Co.

Executive Director 2021-2023
LA County Food Equity Roundtable

Vice President & General Manager 2015-2018
NZXT Inc. PC Gaming

Associate Director 2007-2012
Dow Jones & Co. (the Wall Street Journal)

ABOUT ME

Swati Chandra is a strategy and innovation executive with more than 20 years of experience working at the intersection of government, business, and community. She specializes in designing initiatives that drive systemic change in workforce development, economic resilience, and food security. She is known for building the cross-sector partnerships that turn bold strategies into measurable outcomes.

As Executive Director of the LA County Food Equity Roundtable, Swati assembled a coalition of 100+ organizations and 200+ food system experts, secured over $14 million in federal funding, and won unanimous Board of Supervisors approval to establish the first-ever government Office of Food Security. She was invited to speak at the White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health in recognition of her leadership.

Her workforce development work spans program design and systems reform. As Executive Advisor to LA County's Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services department, she led data-driven evaluation of WIOA-funded programs shifting metrics from outputs to outcomes and redirecting investment toward higher-performing centers. During COVID-19, she was part of the crisis response team that designed and launched Great Plates Delivered in under six weeks, delivering 4 million+ meals to seniors through 80+ local restaurants.

Swati also brings private sector experience from senior leadership roles at large media companies and technology start-ups, making her a uniquely effective advisor to government agencies and mission-driven organizations.

COMMITTED TO IMPACT- STRATEGY IS AS GOOD AS ITS EXECUTION. I GET THINGS DONE THROUGH PARTNERSHIP.

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