

Justin Oberman Will Listen

Anti-Terrorism Expert, Small Business Owner, & Authority on Transportation Issues Launches Exploratory Committee in 5th Congressional District Race

Chicago native Justin Oberman, who served as an anti-terrorism advisor on President-elect Obama's campaign, helped organize the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) in the wake of 9/11, and now works with small companies contributing to our nation's infrastructure and defense, has formed an Exploratory Committee in the 5th Congressional District Race. He has also set up a campaign web site, www.obermanforcongress.com.

"In the coming weeks, I look forward to the opportunity to hear from people across the 5th District - from Lincoln Park to Franklin Park - about the challenges they are facing and their concerns about our country's future," said Justin, a Democrat who was born and raised in the District. Justin's father, Marty Oberman, was an alderman from the 43rd Ward for 12 years and the dean of independents in the City Council.

Justin is the President and co-founder of NEXA Capital Partners, a firm that helps small businesses in the defense, homeland security, clean technology, and transportation sectors raise funds to expand operations and create jobs.

"Not only do I own and manage my own small business, but I work with and understand how other business owners and their employees are struggling in our uncertain economy." Justin said. "Small, innovative firms will lead America back to economic health; they need support, not interference, from the Federal government. We also need to ensure working men and women across the District and around the country can make ends meet; too many families are falling behind."

Before creating NEXA, Justin played several key roles at the Department of Homeland Security. He was a founding member and later senior executive at TSA – set up 10 weeks after 9/11 - and created and led programs to identify known or potential terrorist threats attempting to access our nation's transportation networks.

“As last week's events in India so tragically demonstrated, we must remain vigilant against international terrorism while protecting the individual civil liberties that make America great,” Justin said. “My unique experience in the Federal government will make me a strong Member of Congress and I look forward to working with President-elect Obama's administration to battle the enemies of peace and freedom.”

Justin was closely involved in the Obama campaign, serving as a member of the Homeland Security Policy Advisory Committee. His work focused on transportation security, privacy rights and civil liberties, and improving coordination among government agencies, levels of government, and the public and private sectors. He also traveled to five states to support the campaign.

Prior to 9/11, Justin worked for U.S. Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta, leading a team that performed a comprehensive audit of Amtrak. He also worked as a management consultant at Arthur Andersen, specializing in the aviation sector, and became one of the youngest managers in the firm's history.

Justin graduated with High Honors from Wesleyan University in Middletown, CT, where his focus of study was Congress and its oversight capabilities. He resides in Lincoln Park on the North side of Chicago.

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