

## Bio for Andy Imparato

Andy Imparato began work in February of 2020 as the Executive Director of Disability Rights California (DRC) after a high impact career in Washington, DC in disability advocacy and policy. DRC is the federally funded legal services agency that serves Californians with all disabilities across the age spectrum. While in DC, Imparato served as the Disability Policy Director for Chairman Tom Harkin on the US Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, as President and CEO of the American Association of People with Disabilities, and as Executive Director of the Association of University Centers on Disabilities, among other roles. Since joining DRC, Imparato has worked in coalition to prioritize high-risk people with disabilities for vaccines, to improve vital programs and services for people with disabilities and older adults, and to prevent discrimination on the basis of disability and age in the context of crisis standards of care and healthcare rationing during the pandemic. In February, President Biden appointed Imparato to the Biden Harris COVID-19 Health Equity Task Force, which is developing recommendations for the White House COVID-19 response team. Imparato grew up in Los Angeles and is a graduate of Stanford Law School. His perspective is informed by his lived experience with bipolar disorder.