

Chamber of the Americas Names Tony Bottagaro as Chief of Staff

The Chamber of the Americas (COTA) is proud to announce the appointment of Tony Bottagaro as Chief of Staff. Mr. Bottagaro will work closely with the Chamber's Chairman and CEO, Gil Cisneros and Dr. David Conde, President, North America, Chamber of the Americas and Senior Consultant for International Programs. Mr. Bottagaro will counsel and help guide the Chamber's priorities, programs, and strategic planning. In addition, he will continue to serve as special advisor to the Chamber.

As the Chamber continues to grow as a vibrant, well-positioned organization under Gil Cisneros' leadership and vision, the need for a Chief of Staff to manage and coordinate the Chamber's activities has become apparent. "Tony is an outstanding leader, a problem solver and trusted advisor on a variety of national and international issues in the public and private sectors," said Mr. Cisneros. "He has the creativity, ability and vision to advance the Chamber's pro-growth agenda in a positive direction."

In response to his appointment, Mr. Bottagaro said, "I appreciate the vote of confidence and gladly accept the challenge and opportunity the Chamber of the Americas provides. In addition, I am grateful to Gil for the freedom he affords me in this expanded role. In the past, as special advisor, the Chamber has provided a perfect platform to support and promote its innovative mission statement. Now as Chief of Staff, it opens up a greater window of opportunity and further allows me through my talks and writings to continue to plant the seeds of unconditional love.

"The pathway and bridge to hope," continues Mr. Bottagaro, "whatever the situation, is to always remember the human face and heart of all humanity, and that awareness is planted deep in the heart of the Chamber."

Tony Bottagaro is a renaissance man, seasoned executive, acclaimed speaker, bestselling author, award-winning film producer and narrator, storyteller, playwright and stage performer as "Mario the Peddler."

For over 35 years, he has taken his message of unconditional love across diverse ideologies in the religious, social, business and political realms, including the US Congress, the United Nations and an audience with Pope John Paul II at the Vatican. His books, film, talks and performances have provided him national and international recognition. Mr. Bottagaro continues his journey with "The Universal Declaration of a World More Human and More Divine"... to end the fear, despair and divisiveness that permeate our society.

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