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John Garamendi Jr. received his B.A. from the University of California Berkeley and his M.B.A. from California State University Hayward. He has also been a Fulbright Scholar in Montevideo, Uruguay where he studied philanthropy.

Garamendi's background includes a highly successful track record in fund raising from his years working at UC Berkeley, UC Davis and the UC Office of the President. As a development professional, Garamendi has been part of several prominent fund-raising campaigns, including UC Berkeley's $1.1 billion *Campaign for the New Century*, UC Davis' $60 million *Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts Campaign*, and the planning for UC Berkeley's *Campaign for Memorial Stadium*.

The Vice Chancellor is the chief advancement officer for the UC Merced campus with responsibility for the areas of development, university relations, advancement services, governmental relations, communications, the UC Merced Foundation and its Board of Trustees, alumni affairs, and special events and protocol.

An Eagle Scout, former Army Reserve Officer and Peace Corps volunteer, Garamendi was raised in the California Delta community of Walnut Grove. He resides with his family in Merced, California.