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With more than 25 years of experience as a leader in government, elections, and public affairs, Jim DeBoo is one of California's most influential political strategists and government relations experts. DeBoo is known for his ability to guide elected officials, corporations, associations, and labor unions through the existential issues they face. Prior to his time in the Governor's Office, he operated his own public affairs and political consulting firm, DeBoo Communications, which specialized in strategy, ballot measures, communications, and media. He also served as Interim Chief of Staff for Speaker John A. Pérez and Director of the Speaker's Office of Member Services, Director of the Assembly Democrats; Chief Legislative Representative for Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and the City of Los Angeles; Chief of Staff for former Assemblymembers Pedro Nava and Joe Nation; as well as Special Advisor to former State Superintendent of Public Instruction and State Senator Jack O'Connell. DeBoo served as Chair of Governor Newsom's 2023 Inaugural Committee. He is regularly named as one of Capitol Weekly's "Top 100" influential leaders and has twice been selected #1 – described as "a renaissance man, the governor's majordomo and the top administrative sort of person in state government who handles politicians, bureaucrats and lobbyists, to name a few." He holds a B.A. in Political Science from California State University, Chico, and lives in Sacramento with his wife Jacqui and two sons - Jace and Gavin.