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Christy George Biography



Christy George is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Intersect Illinois, a public private partnership focused on global business development for the State of Illinois. She oversees all aspects of the organization, including marketing, sales, financing, and personnel. Most recently, Christy served as Executive Director of the Chicago 2024 Host Committee for the Democratic National Convention. In this role, she oversaw the Host Committee's successful fundraising and civic engagement efforts, and served as the primary liaison between the Democratic National Convention Committee, the City of Chicago, and the State of Illinois to create a world-class experience for all convention attendees and residents.

Before leading the Host Committee, she served as First Assistant Deputy Governor for Budget & Economy in Illinois Governor JB Pritzker's office. During her time in the Governor's Office, she

spearheaded the state's business attraction and engagement efforts, led on workforce development priorities, crafted the Reimagining Energy & Vehicles (REV) Act, and oversaw the operations of multiple state agencies, boards, and commissions. Before joining the Governor's Office, George served as the Executive Director of the Illinois Commerce Commission and several roles at the City of Chicago including Deputy Budget Director for Public Safety, Assistant Commissioner at the Department of Business Affairs & Consumer Protection, and Assistant Corporation Counsel in the Department of Law.

Christy obtained her J.D. at Loyola University Chicago School of Law and her undergraduate degree from Ohio Wesleyan University. A native Californian, she currently lives in the Beverly-Morgan Park neighborhood of Chicago with her husband and daughters.