

## Thomas Aujero Small

### Short Bio

Thomas Aujero Small became Mayor of Culver City in 2017, the year that Amazon Studios and Apple TV+ broke ground on their new headquarters. Culver City has been the “Heart of Screenland” on the westside of Los Angeles for more than a century. But welcoming the world’s largest entertainment and technology corporations vastly accelerated the city’s ongoing renaissance. These massive economic and cultural forces propelled Culver City (and Mayor Small) onto a global stage. Small’s experience as an international speaker, writer and consultant in Urban Planning and Architecture and as Commissioner of Cultural Affairs served as a strong foundation for his service to the city.

Small founded the non-profit public-private partnership Culver City Forward after leaving public office. Culver City Forward engages the region’s vital opportunities and challenges, including mobility, housing, and the environment, and creates synergy between the community, government, and the major corporations in Culver City. He has been invited to speak about these issues across the globe, at major conferences in Paris, London, Tokyo, Chicago, New York, Delft, and Mexico City, among others. He has published articles and collaborated on numerous projects with the RAND Corporation, including hosting and keynoting the 2017 International Conference on Decision Making Under Deep Uncertainty in Culver City.

He has served and chaired several boards and councils, including the Sustainability Council at the LA Metro Transit Authority, the Architectural Foundation of Los Angeles, and Jacaranda Music, a renowned and innovative classical concert series. He has lived and worked in Europe, Asia, and the Americas and speaks several languages. He has a degree in Comparative Literature from Yale, held a French National Fellowship at the University of Paris, and an NEA Fellowship at Columbia University. His short film *Culver City Forward Motion* envisions the future of global cities and is available on YouTube.