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Jacob Finn joined the Mayor's Office of Public Safety in May 2018 and currently serves as Policy Director for Cybersecurity. He leads the implementation of the administration's long-term cybersecurity strategy and serves as an adviser for cyber issues to the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, and the public safety policy staff. In this role, Jacob works with the City's Chief Information Security Officer to monitor the City's cybersecurity posture and to develop collaborative approaches for defending information assets and critical infrastructure. He acts as liaison to the Department of Homeland Security, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the U.S. Secret Service for cybercrime, cyberterrorism, and critical infrastructure policy issues. Jacob is also responsible for managing the Mayor-led Los Angeles Cyber Lab, the first in the nation citywide public-private partnership for cyber resilience and defense.

Prior to joining Mayor Garcetti, Jacob was a researcher at the International Institute for Counterterrorism (ICT) in Herzliya, Israel where he contributed to academic publications and innovative datasets. His primary research areas focused on international security, terrorism leadership, Middle East politics, and quantitative and qualitative research methods. Before ICT, Jacob served as a research associate at the UCLA Center for Middle East Development (CMED) where he generated analysis on U.S. policy towards Iran, the Arab Gulf States, and the Israeli-Arab/Israeli-Palestinian peace process. He supported CMED in organizing Track II conferences in Europe and the Middle East which focused on regional security, economic cooperation, and social development for states in the Middle East and North Africa.

Jacob earned a master's degree in Homeland Security Studies and Counterterrorism from the Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy in Herzliya, Israel. He has conducted fieldwork throughout Israel, the Palestinian Territories, and Jordan, and speaks Hebrew and Arabic. A native Angeleno, Jacob received his bachelor's degree from UCLA.