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BIOGRAFÍAS DE LOS PARTICIPANTES

(en inglés)



Jacqueline Baumgartner

Country Director for Colombia, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Western Hemisphere Affairs (WHA), U.S. Department of Defense

Jacqueline Baumgartner is the Country Director for Colombia in the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Western Hemisphere Affairs (WHA) at the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) for Policy. In this position, she oversees defense strategy, policy issues, and bilateral relations related to Colombia.

Before entering government service, Ms. Baumgartner worked for the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland as well as delegations in Paris, Athens, and Washington, D.C. Her work supported humanitarian assistance projects in conflict, post-conflict, disaster, and migration related settings. Prior to the ICRC, she worked for the American Red Cross and International Rescue Committee on immigration issues. She also served as a National Security Education Program (NSEP) David L. Boren Fellow studying Turkish in Baku, Azerbaijan for six months.

Ms. Baumgartner received a Masters in Public Affairs from Princeton University School of Public and International Affairs and a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Studies from American University's School of International Service in Washington, D.C. Ms. Baumgartner speaks Spanish and French and is learning Turkish.



Omar Gonzáles

Senior Public Policy Manager, Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce

Omar Gonzales serves as a Senior Public Policy Manager at the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, Southern California's largest and oldest business association, where he leads policy engagement with elected officials, regulators, and stakeholders on behalf of 1,400 members.

Before joining the Chamber, he worked at Nikola Corporation and served as the CA Deputy Policy Director for Mike Bloomberg's 2020 presidential

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campaign. Gonzales has also held roles at Bird Rides Inc. and the Office of LA Mayor Eric Garcetti.

An alum of the Coro Fellowship and a former White House intern, he holds a B.S. from the University of Southern California.



Naomi González

Director for Aviation and Surface Transportation, United States National Security Council, The White House

Naomi González currently serves as the Director for Aviation and Surface Transportation at the National Security Council (NSC), The White House, where she is responsible for the development and coordination of interagency policy on aviation and surface transportation. She has been appointed by the U.S. President Biden to be a member of the Transportation Security Oversight Board (TSOB) to review any regulation or Security Directives issued by the Administrator of the TSA. Naomi has nearly two decades of public service to the United States in national security, homeland security and 16 of those years in domestic and international aviation security expertise.

Prior to joining the NSC, Naomi served as the Regional Bureau Chief for the Western Hemisphere Region, International Operations, at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Transportation Security Administration (TSA). She was responsible for 53 countries and territories across North America, South America, Central America, and the Caribbean. Nearly 70 percent of all U.S. international traffic flies to or from destinations in the region each year with approximately 9,108 flights per week. She also served in positions in the Asia-Pacific Region managing multiple country portfolios including China, India, Japan, Singapore, South Korea, and Thailand as an aviation security subject matter expert providing recommendations, guidance, and advice on complex civil aviation security matters.

Ms. González holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a minor in Marketing and a Master's degree in Business Administration with a minor in Finance. She graduated from American University's TSA Senior Leadership Studies and completed the United Nations International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Aviation Security Professional Manager (AVSEC PM) certification at Concordia University, Canada. Naomi speaks fluent Spanish.

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Alexis Hermosillo

Mayor, City of El Mirage (Arizona)

Alexis Hermosillo is in her second term as the Mayor of the City of El Mirage. As a proud fifth generation El Mirage resident, the Mayor is passionate about her community and is committed to enriching the lives of El Mirage residents.

Through her experience in public service, she has worked for the largest public transportation company in Maricopa County, was the manager of a radio network under the Cesar Chavez Foundation and worked for the U.S. House of Representatives as a District Representative for Arizona Congressional District 3. Mayor Hermosillo has also led national efforts to improve climate conditions through carbon pricing and provided operational and managerial support to numerous non-profits on a state and national level.

The Mayor is committed to the empowerment of women and has served on the Board of Directors for the YWCA of Metropolitan Phoenix.

She has worked with the Hispanic Women's Corporation, supporting their national youth initiatives. She believes that investing in today's youth is an investment in our future and has dedicated herself to engaging and motivating Latino youth through leadership development programs with various organizations such as UnidosUS (formerly National Council of La Raza).

Mayor Hermosillo holds a master's degree in journalism and a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary arts and performance, both from Arizona State University. She is currently pursuing her doctoral degree in organizational leadership from Grand Canyon University.



Jessie Hernández

Artificial Intelligence (AI) Innovation Leader for the U.S. Public Sector, Capgemini

Jessie Hernández Carrillo is the first Latino and Spanish-speaking leader in Artificial Intelligence (AI) Innovation for the U.S. Public Sector, recognized as Government Solutions, at Capgemini, one of the world's largest consulting firms with over 350,000 professionals. He has led strategic initiatives that leverage AI to tackle complex challenges in key areas such as education, health, and immigration, enhancing the quality of life for diverse communities.

Recognized internationally as an expert, Jessie has participated in high-level global forums such as the NATO Public Forum and the Summit of the Americas, where he has emphasized the crucial role of technology in security and sustainable development.

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In his public service career, Jessie has held significant roles, including serving as a commissioner in the District of Columbia and in the administration of former President Barack Obama, where he worked closely with a network of U.S. governors and mayors across political lines on issues of security and development. He also brought his expertise to the office of The Honorable Congresswoman Judy Chu, consistently advocating for inclusion and diversity in all its forms. Committed to the mission of the Fundación Consejo España – EE.UU., Jessie aims to continue using his experience in technology and innovation to support the growth and influence of the Spanish-speaking community and to strengthen the ties between Spain and the United States in the global context.



Itzel Hernández

Special Assistant, Executive Office of Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY)

Itzel Hernandez, Special Assistant to the Executive Office of Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY), began her journey into politics through her experiences in community organizing for workplace rights' and health & safety as a custodial worker, instilling in her a deep appreciation for hard work and a desire to effect meaningful change. Prior to her current position, Itzel served as the Deputy Director of Operations for the House Democratic Caucus, where she honed her skills in organizational management and strategic planning. Before joining the Caucus, she served as the executive assistant to the Chief Executive Officer of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC).

Itzel is a proud daughter of Mexican immigrants and is a first-generation graduate of the University of Utah. She is an alumna of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute Public Policy Fellowship, where she completed placements with NALEO Education Fund and the House Democratic Education and Labor Committee under the leadership of Rep. Bobby Scott (D-VA).



Carmen Peña

Senior Vice President of Programs, Partners of the Americas

Carmen S. Peña serves as the Senior Vice President of Programs at Partners of the Americas, steering strategic direction and oversight for programs focused on technical quality and program performance.

With a keen focus on delivering effective and efficient programming, Carmen collaborates closely with implementing teams, incorporating lessons learned and best practices, piloting, and scaling approaches, and widely

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disseminating findings. Currently, Carmen oversees the Education, Labor, Agriculture, and Food Security units, along with key country operations throughout Latin America and the Caribbean and Africa. Previously, Carmen held the role of Vice President of the Child Protection Unit, now the Labor Unit, where she managed Partners' efforts to uphold labor rights, including combatting child labor, forced labor, and human trafficking, as well as enhancing education quality and access.

Her extensive programming experience includes implementing impactful solutions targeting marginalized and at-risk populations, such as Afro-descendant, indigenous, internally displaced, migrants, and refugees. Carmen's leadership extends to overseeing the implementation of complex projects funded by agencies like the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL), U.S. Department of State (USDOS), and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

She has also conducted short-term technical assessments and championed successful proposals. Carmen earned her master's degree in Latin American studies with a concentration in development from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service, complementing her bachelor's degree in business administration with a concentration in management from Kennesaw State University. As a former Georgia Rotary Scholar, Carmen brings a wealth of experience and dedication to her work in advancing global development initiatives.



Luisa del Rosal

Consultant, teaching fellow and entrepreneur

Along with running her small franchise business, EverLine, Luisa works as a coach and consultant for organizations looking for strategic & fundraising guidance. She also writes as a Contributing Columnist for The Dallas Morning News and serves as Texas Governor Greg Abbott's appointee on the Texas Medical Board. She teaches a class on public policy and international affairs as a Collin Powell Teaching Fellow at Southern Methodist University (SMU). A leading expert on Texas-Mexico relations, her foci are education policy, cross-cultural integration, immigration and international trade.

Most recently, del Rosal served as Chief of Staff for a U.S. Member of Congress. She was the Congressman's lead policy advisor and oversaw all staff and operations in both the district and Washington, D.C. offices. Previously, del Rosal served as the Executive Director of the Tower Center for Public Policy and International Affairs & founding Executive Director of the Mission Foods Texas-Mexico Center, both at Southern Methodist University (SMU). She was the youngest Executive Director on campus as well as the only Hispanic to head up two centers. Del Rosal had fundraising, strategic and operational responsibility over both centers, staff oversight and board relations. Her leadership role ensured that all programming, research & fundraising aligned with the mission of each center.

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Del Rosal and her husband, Ricardo, live in North Texas and are members of St. Rita Catholic Community. She's the Chair of the Board of Communities in Schools - Dallas Region & Chair of the Board for the Catholic Campus Ministry at SMU.



Roberto Valdez

Midwest Director of Policy, Hispanic Federation

Roberto is the Midwest Policy Director at the Hispanic Federation, bringing over a decade of experience in communications, policy advocacy, government affairs, and community coalition building. His career spans non-profit organizations, the private sector, political campaigns, and Capitol Hill. Originally from Nogales, Arizona, Roberto lived and worked in Washington, D.C., from 2012 to 2017, and has lived and worked in Chicago for the past seven years.

He remains actively engaged in various local and national organizations, including the Chicago Latino Caucus Foundation, the National Hispanic Lobbyist Association, and currently serves as Board Co-Chair for CHANGE Illinois.



Dulce Vásquez

Assistant Vice President for Strategic Advancement, Arizona State University

Dulce Vasquez is an education advocate, changemaker, and passionate civic leader. Dulce currently serves as Assistant Vice President for Los Angeles' outpost of Arizona State University focusing on strategic partnerships and public affairs. ASU is a comprehensive public research university, measured not by whom it excludes, but by whom it includes and how they succeed; advancing research and discovery of public value; and assuming fundamental responsibility for the economic, social, cultural and overall health of the communities it serves.

Born in Tampico, Mexico, she's lived all over the country, but has called LA home for the last 16 years. After spending half of her childhood undocumented, she attended Northwestern University, The Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po), and earned a Master's in Public Policy from the UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs. In 2022, she ran for Los Angeles City Council and in 2024 she ran for California State Assembly, which gave her a platform to champion dozens of issues she cares deeply about, including housing, public transportation, support for small businesses, education, and LGBT+ & women's rights. She lives in South Central Los Angeles with her spouse and two dogs.