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Johnny S. Garcia, Manager of Business Operations for AARP DC

Johnny is the Manager of Business Operations for AARP DC where he oversees operations and finances. In his role, he also serves as the liaison between the DC State Office and the Office of General Counsel at AARP national headquarters and external partners to ensure compliance with company policies and regulations. Johnny has been successful in building and increasing business relationships between AARP DC and direct services provider organizations whose mission align with AARP to meet the needs and demands of the 50-plus population. Furthermore, in his capacity, he has overseen the yearly strategic planning process and budget forecast to guarantee that AARP's dashboard goals are met. Additionally, Johnny leads the multicultural marketing strategy for the Latino/Hispanic DC market. Johnny has successfully implemented the company's Latino marketing and outreach plan, thereby increasing brand awareness, member retention and relevance, and implementing innovative tactics to engage members and their families in the District of Columbia.

Margarita Diloné, President and Chief Executive Officer of Crystal Insurance Group, Inc.

Margarita Dilone is a Certified Insurance Counselor and President & Chief Executive Officer of Crystal Insurance Group, Inc. located in Adams Morgan, Washington, DC. Margarita currently is licensed in multiple states and represents several major insurance companies. She began the Agency from scratch and has built it to represent and service over 4500 businesses and families.

Margarita grew up in a family business in retail and wholesale food service. She also worked in the real estate field and co-owned a construction firm for over 10 years. As a result of these experiences she has been able to advise her clients on how to best protect their businesses and households against loss, written articles on how to successfully market your business and is a member of various business organizations. Margarita currently serves as a volunteer & presenter with several organizations dedicated to affordable housing and community development. She also serves on various Boards of Directors.



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Yasmin Serrato-Muñoz, Technology Strategy Consultant

Yasmin Serrato-Muñoz is a D.C. resident living in Ward 5. She arrived in D.C. as a Georgetown University student and fell in love with the rich history and culture of the district. She currently works as a technology strategy consultant and is involved with local and national non-profits. Yasmin is President and Chartering Member of the Young Professionals LULAC D.C. council, as well as an active member of Latinas Promoviendo Comunidad/ Lambda Pi Chi Sorority, Inc. In her spare time, Yasmin likes to explore new restaurants and enjoys running to the Capitol.

When asked to "Try to be creative and say something that will catch our eye" Yasmin responded with: "I am a first-generation college educated Latina who overcame homelessness and constantly strives to achieve success with impact in order to serve marginalized communities."

Gunther Sanabria, Partner at Rodriguez & Sanabria, Attorneys at Law Washington, DC

Gunther was admitted to the Florida Bar Association in 2004, the District of Columbia Bar Association in 2006, and the Maryland Bar Association in 2009. Gunther's initial area of practice was criminal law. As a recent graduate, Gunther was assigned to the Domestic Violence Division of the Palm Beach County Office of the State Attorney of Florida. Later, Gunther's jury trial experience landed him a position as an insurance defense attorney representing some of the largest insurance carriers of the country. Currently, Gunther practices immigration law representing Latino families before the Immigration Court and the Board of Immigration Appeals in Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

Jonas Minino, Spanish Teacher High School; Options Public Charter School

Jonas Minino is originally from the Dominican Republic, and previously resided for five years in Mexico City. Mr. Minino has made the DC metropolitan area his home for the past twelve years.

A graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University, he has served as a Spanish teacher for the past seven years. He has worked as a volunteer and activist in many of the cities Latino organizations such as: LULAC, Greater DC Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, La Clinica del Pueblo, Empoderate Youth Center, and Latino LGBT History Project.



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Felix Sanchez, President and CEO of Terra Strategies LLC

Felix Sanchez, is the President and CEO of Terra Strategies LLC, a strategic communications and event production firm. Mr. Sanchez is also the co-founder and pro bono Chairman of the National Hispanic Foundation for the Arts (NHFA), which he co-founded in 1997 with actors Jimmy Smits, Sonia Braga and Esai Morales. He is the Executive Producer for NHFA's annual Noche de Gala fundraising event. The non-profit foundation has become a leader in promoting Latinos in the media, entertainment and telecommunications industries.

For the last few years, Mr. Sanchez, as NHFA Chairman, has led the fight to desegregate the Kennedy Center Honors, which resulted in a new Kennedy Center President and a new Kennedy Center Honors production team, which has yielded a doubling of Latino honorees including the 2013 Kennedy Center Honorees: Carlos Santana and Martina Arroyo and the 2015 Honoree Rita Moreno.

Catalina Talero, Executive Director and board member of the One World Youth Project

A Fulbright Scholar, Catalina has specialized in civic engagement and education management for nearly seventeen years. Her M.A. is from George Washington University in Human & Organizational Management. She also holds an Honors Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Toronto and a B.A. in Liberal Art from Waterloo University, also in Canada.

She served as Director of Programs for Global Kids in Washington, D.C. working with the Office of the State Superintendent and other partners to create global curriculum for secondary schools that were fully aligned with Common Core. She was also a Program Officer at the Office of Postsecondary Education of the United States Department of Education. Her Title VI portfolio included National Resource Centers (NRC) and Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) programs in Latin America and Canada.



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Dr. L. Angelo Gómez, Ph.D. Assistant Professor at Argosy University

As an assistant professor in clinical mental health and a national certified counselor as well as an ongoing volunteer as grant reviewer for MOLA, Luis has gathered extensive experience in the academic and professional fields serving multiple populations particularly the Latino community.

His previous experiences included working with Clinical de Pueblo, Neighborhoods Consejo, CARECEN, and a multiple other non- profit organizations as a rehabilitation counselor under the supervision of Dr. Carmen Duran. Also, he has volunteered time with Clinica del Pueblo and The Whitman Walker under the direction of Frank Yurrita. These opportunities along with many, many others helped him gather extensive knowledge of DC organizations and nonprofits that serve Latino/a clients.

Jessie Hernandez, State and Local Affairs Coordinator; US Department of Homeland Security Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

Jessie Hernandez serves as State and Local Affairs Coordinator for the United States Department of Homeland Security Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, a role in which he engages with Governors and Mayors on issues and policy matters related to homeland security. His calling and passion is public service, and throughout his six years of performing public engagement work at the local level, Jessie has been able to help improve the lives of many in his Latino community.

For this reason, Jessie seeks to serve on the Commission on Latino Community Development. A position on the Commission brings to Jessie opportunity to serve his Latino community in the District of Columbia and contribute to the dialogue that puts forth city-wide initiatives that help Latinos become an integral part of not only Ward One, which Jessie calls home, but our city as a whole. Jessie strongly aligns with Mayor Bowser's vision for a fresh start for our city, for he embodies it; and, for him, supporting Director Reyes, an astounding leader in our community, and the Commission on Latino Community Development, is an honor. He's committed to working tirelessly to ensure that our leader Director Reyes can fully implement programs and initiatives that meet the evolving needs of Latinos in the District of Columbia.



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Ricardo Villalba, Lead Youth Case Manager; Latin American Youth Center

Mr. Villalba has over 10 years of experience in working with youth and their families tackling issues that affect them today. He began as a participant in the LAYC Leadership Program when he was a teenager, where he learned and developed skills to work and address issues affecting young adults today. After working at LAYC, he worked as a Youth Counselor & Advocate at the Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice in Washington, DC as an advocate and support to youth incarcerated for non-violent offenses. This experience led to the Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services (DYRS) working with the Return to Family Unit (REFAM), where he developed plans for youth to receive the services they needed in their community when they were released from juvenile detention. Along with his time at DYRS, he worked for the Columbia Heights/Shaw Family Support Collaborative (CHSFSC) as a Family Preservation Specialist and learned the importance of family involvement in positive youth development.

Lily Najera, Operations Associate, Center City Public Charter Schools - Petworth Campus

Ms. Najera is native of Washington D.C. and recent graduate from The University of the District of Columbia with a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science. As a Political Science major, she has extensive experience in diplomatic negotiations through participation in the Models and Simulations of the Organizations of the American States and Model Arab League in Washington, D.C. She has spent the last three years of her academic career focusing on Middle Eastern and U.S Relations. In addition to having traveled to Jordan and Israel to further her studies. More recently, she served as Chief of Staff at the 2014 Model Arab League Conference coordinated by the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations (NCUSAR) at Georgetown University. In addition, she is fluent in Spanish, Portuguese, and Italian.

Ana Reyes, General Manager at El Tamarindo Restaurant

Ana R. Reyes serves as the managing partner at El Tamarindo Restaurant in Washington D.C. Ana, a native Washingtonian, received her B.S. Business Administration from Florida International University in 2005 and has since focused her career on management. She is an active member of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce & also serves as the Co-Chair of the Bancroft Elementary Local School Advisory. She currently resides in the Mt. Pleasant neighborhood.



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Angelique Sina, International Finance Corporation, Member of the World Bank Group

Mrs. Sina is a government and corporate relations professional. She has worked with multiple Members of Congress from both national parties and other high-ranking elected officials. Currently, she is an Associate at the International Finance Corporation, a member of the World Bank Group. Angelique graduated with honors from the University of Puerto Rico and holds a Master's Degree from the Johns Hopkins University.

Recently, she launched the first ever Puerto Rican Women's Leadership series and co-founded the Friends of Puerto Rico Network DC Donor Network. A non-partisan organization composed of the Puerto Rican diaspora and friends that preserves art, culture and advances social projects in Puerto Rico. She is an active member of the Latino community and collaborates with the following organizations: The Association of the University of Puerto Rico Alumni Association (UPRAA), National Society of Hispanic MBA's (NSHMBA), Save a Child's Heart and the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute. Angelique is a native of Aguadilla, Puerto Rico and currently resides with her husband in Washington, DC. She is an avid traveler, horse lover and golfer.