



SUMMARY

- Eight years of City Government experience
- Nine years of community organizing experience with multicultural communities, youth and adults
- Ability to lead complex negotiations with community, corporate and public stakeholders at all levels
- Extensive experience in relationship and coalition building in the Greater Milwaukee Area
- Ability to manage projects, budgets and lead teams

EXPERIENCE:

12th DISTRICT ALDERMAN

City of Milwaukee Common Council 04.12 to present

- Re-elected to office 2016 with over seventy percent of the vote.
- Defeated 20 year incumbent and elected 2012 to represent 41,000 constituents.
- Currently Vice Chair of Utilities & License Committee, member of Public Safety Committee, and Judiciary & Legislative Committee.
- Organized residents and business to develop neighborhood plans.
- Analyze and identify initiatives to save city cost and improve services.
- Lead projects to revitalize, renovate struggling commercial corridors.
- Create opportunities for new businesses to increase economic activity.
- Former Vice Chair of Zoning Neighborhood Development, member of Finance and Personal and Community and Economic Development Committee.

PRINCIPAL

LRG Development 03.10 to 04.12

- Manage commercial and residential portfolios.
- Project manager for development and construction projects.
- Oversee day to day operations.

PROGRAM OFFICER

City of Milwaukee – Community Block Grants Administration 09.09 to 03.10

- ARRA (American Recovery Reinvestment Act) project manager and program officer.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST

City of Milwaukee Department of City Development – 01.06 to Present

- Liaison to 11 of the 29 Business Improvement Districts for the City of Milwaukee Department of City Development.
- Assist business associations develop into Business Improvement Districts.
- Promote and facilitate Department of City Development resources and grants to businesses and property owners.
- Project team member for the Near South Side comprehensive plan.
- Coordinate Department of City Development participation with the International Council of Shopping Center's regional and national events.

NATIONAL FIELD REPRESENTATIVE

AFL-CIO – Washington D.C. & WI – 02.04 to 07.05

- Coordinated Labor 2004 Political Program Southeast Wisconsin encompassing 150,000 union members working and residing in 8 counties.

NATIONAL FIELD REPRESENTATIVE (continued)

- Worked with regional, state, and local leaders of the national unions on the Labor 2004 Campaign.
- Built communication structures to educate local union members on issues and mobilization.
- Provided training, support and leadership to state and local labor leaders.
- Assisted labor councils with election appeals and support.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

MICAH - Milwaukee Inner-city Congregations Allied for Hope, Milwaukee, WI - 12.02 to 02.04

- Managed organization budget, general operation and staff.
- Organized local, regional, and national issue campaigns.
- Developed congregational leadership.
- Coordinated public actions and press conferences.
- Provided organizational leadership training.

PUBLIC SECTOR/GOVERNMENT INTERNSHIPS

City Clerk's Office, Public Relations & Communications Common Council, Milwaukee WI - summer 1998

- Composed press releases, newsletter articles, and resolutions.

Mayor John O. Norquist, Milwaukee, WI - summer 1997

- Provided constituent services for Milwaukee residents.

Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute, Washington D.C. summer 1998

- Performed office administrative duties and other intern responsibilities for U.S. House Representative Gerald Klezcka.

ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Polish American Congress WI Division Congressman Clement J. Zablocki Civic Achievement Award 2015
- Multicultural Entrepreneurial Institute, Inc. - Visionary Award for Advocating Policy that lead to Economic Empowerment & Development for Micro-Enterprises 2015
- Sixteenth Street Community Health Centers – Community Partnership Impact Award 2015
- Fiesta Mexicana-Community Appreciation Award 2014
- Graduate of the Last Decade 2009 Cardinal Stritch University
- 40 under 40 Milwaukee Business Journal's 2008 Emerging Leader Award Recipient

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

- Milwaukee Area Technical College, Secretary/Board Member
- Survive Alive Foundation Board Member
- National League of Cities - Hispanic Elected Local Officials, Board Member
- Walker Square Neighborhood Association, Member
- Walker's Point Association, Member
- KK River Neighbors In Action, Member
- Wisconsin Senator Russell Feingold's Hispanic/Latino Advisory committee member 1996-98
- Multicultural Image Award, Cardinal Stritch University 1999
- Future Milwaukee leadership program alumni class of 1995-96

- Cardinal Stritch University President's Leadership Award 1996 and 1997
- Public Allies "Tomorrow Leaders Today" Community Service Award 1995
- Career Youth Development's "Community and Youth Service Award" 1994

EDUCATION:

BACHELOR OF ARTS; POLITICAL SCIENCE

Cardinal Stritch University, Milwaukee, WI - 05.99

- Graduating Senator, 1999
- Multicultural Committee Founder and Member, 1995-99
- Student Government Association President, 1997-98
- Avenues News Editor, fall 1997
- United Latino Organization Founder and President, 1995-96
- Curriculum Committee, 1996

SPECIALIZED TRAINING:

- ACRE (Associates in Commercial Real Estate) Program 2008
- Multicultural Entrepreneurship Institute Advanced Entrepreneur Certificate 2008
- Real Estate Finance National Development Council 2008
- Economic Development Finance National Development Council 2007
- Gamaliel Foundation Training of Trainers 2000
- Candidate Training Campaign Management School, U.S. Hispanic Leadership Institute, 1998
- U.W. Milwaukee Community Extensions Youth and Child Care Service training, 1995
- Gamaliel Foundation Advanced Leadership Training, 1994