

# Michael Garcia

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- Professional Experience**
- 2008–Present Metro Community Provider Network Englewood, CO  
***Special Projects Manager***
- Establish a powerful and robust grassroots advocacy program for a community health center that provides health care services to the uninsured and medically underserved community.
  - Monitor federal, state, and local governments and meet with elected officials to discuss public policy matters.
  - Cultivate and maintain an advocacy database and write, develop, and issue “action alerts” and “calls-to-action.”
  - Develop the business plan for Phase II of the MCPN Specialty Referral Network that provides specialty care to MCPN patients.
  - Coordinate with hospitals, physicians, and community partners to ensure a sustainable delivery of specialty care services.
- 2007–2008 Progressives for Immigration Reform Aurora, CO  
***Consultant***
- Chief organizer for a new nationwide, non-partisan, non-profit immigration reform group whose primary focus is educating progressive policy makers, opinion leaders and organizations about progressive immigration policy.
  - Responsible for filing articles of incorporation, developing group by-laws, obtaining an employer identification number, securing 501c3 tax exempt status, pursuing grant and funding opportunities, identifying and recruiting a Board of Directors, and facilitating the development of the group mission and vision statement.
- 2001–2008 Colorado House of Representatives Aurora, CO  
***State Representative, House District 42***
- Elected in November 2000 and re-elected in November 2002, November 2004, & November 2006.
  - Assistant Majority Leader: 65<sup>th</sup> General Assembly & 66<sup>th</sup> General Assembly.
  - Chair, Interim Committee on Long-Term Health Care Services and Supports to Persons with Developmental Disabilities.
  - Member, House Committee on Appropriations, Committee on Finance, Committee on State, Veterans and Military Affairs, Committee on Information and Technology.
  - Member, Interim Committee on Economic Development and the Business Personal Property Tax.
  - Member, Interim Committee on the State Procurement Process.
  - Member, Council of State Governments-West (CSG-West) Executive Committee.
  - Member, National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) Committee on Budgets and Revenue.
  - Member, National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) Executive Committee Taskforce on State and Local Taxation of Telecommunications and Electronic Commerce.
  - Member, American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) Task Force on Criminal Justice.
  - Member, Democratic Leadership Council (DLC) State Legislative Advisory Board (SLAB).
  - Member, National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO).
  - Member, National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators (NHCSL).
  - Delegate, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office Mission of Midwestern States Legislative Leaders to the Republic of China (Taiwan).
  - Delegate, American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL) Educational Mission to Russia.
  - Co-Chair, Allied Jewish Federation Colorado Legislative Mission to Israel.

2004–2007 Youth Council for Public Policy Boulder, CO

***Coordinator***

- Coordinated a non-partisan program aimed at educating young people about the democratic process as a tool for positive social change, empowering young voices to be responsible citizens and advocates for their generation, and inspiring active and responsible democratic participation.
- Designed and taught INVS 1523, “Using Democracy as a Tool for Social Change,” INVS 1513, “Using the Electoral Process as a Tool for Social Change,” and INVS 3100 “Multi-Cultural Leadership” at the University of Colorado at Boulder.

1998–2000 Congressman Solomon P. Ortiz Washington, DC

***Legislative Assistant***

- Researched, tracked, & analyzed legislation and recommended votes to the Congressman on domestic policy issues.
- Responded to legislative inquiries and met with interested parties to discuss public policy issues.
- Communicated with U.S. House of Representatives committee and leadership staff regarding pending legislation.

**Education**

1996–1998 University of Arizona Tucson, AZ

***M.A., Political Science.***

1992–1996 University of Colorado Boulder, CO

***B.A., Political Science.***

**Honors and Achievements**

- Aurora Civitan 2007 Man of the Year
- Association of Retarded Citizens of Pikes Peak (ARC) Joe Schippicasse “Do the Right Thing” Award
- Aurora Human Relations Commission Martin Luther King, Jr. Activist Award
- Denver Business Journal’s “Forty under 40”
- “Legislator of the Year” Colorado Public Trustees Association
- Center for Policy Alternatives (CPA) Flemming Fellow
- American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL) Alumni Council
- Colorado Democratic Party “Rising Star” award
- Colorado Association of Commerce and Industry (CACI) Star Award (Business Legislator of the Year)
- Democratic Leadership Council (DLC) “100 New Democrats to Watch”
- American Political Science Association (APSA) Graduate Fellow
- Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (CHCI) Public Policy Fellowship

**Community**

- Arapahoe County Citizen Budget Committee, Member
- South Metro Health Alliance, Steering Committee
- Original Aurora Community Integration Collaborative, Board of Directors
- Original Aurora Renewal, Board of Advisors
- New Era Colorado, Board of Advisors
- A Statewide Roundtable: Aging in the Right Way and the Right Place, Chair
- 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Statewide Healthcare Conference, Co-Convener
- Aurora Education Foundation, Board of Directors
- Common Good Colorado, Board of Advisors
- Aurora Museum Foundation, Board of Directors
- Spirit of Aurora, Board of Directors
- Hispanics for a Fair Judiciary, Committee Member
- Maxfield Park Children’s Home (Kingston, Jamaica), V.O.U.C.H. Volunteer

**References Available Upon Request**