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EDUCATION

PhD University of California, Berkeley (2015)

Department of City and Regional Planning

Designated Emphasis: Science and Technology Studies and Environmental Policy

MCP Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Department of Urban Studies and Planning

Designated Emphasis: Environmental Planning and Policy

BA California State University, Northridge

Department of Urban Studies and Planning

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of California, Irvine

2019 - Present

Assistant Professor, Department of Urban Planning and Public Policy, Irvine CA

Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies

2016 - 2019

Faculty Fellow and Associate Research Scientist (non-tenure track), New Haven, CT

- *Affiliated Faculty, Yale School of Public Health - Climate Change and Health Initiative*
- *Affiliated Faculty, Yale Center for the Study of Race, Indigeneity, and Transnational Migration*
- *Faculty Advisory Board: Environmental Justice Clinic, Yale Law School*

University of San Francisco, Department of Environmental Science

2015 - 2016

Postdoctoral Scholar and Lecturer, San Francisco, CA

University of California, Office of the President

2008 - 2010

Legislative Director, State Governmental Relations, Sacramento, CA

- Served as one of the University's senior legislative advocates in Sacramento.
- Developed and maintained relationships with members of the California Legislature, staff and executive branch representatives on matters related to academic and biomedical research, clinical health affairs, agriculture, natural resources, university-industry partnerships, and environmental policy. Assisted in securing funding for research programs.
- Monitored and analyzed legislation to determine its policy, legal, and fiscal implications for the University system. Collaborated with university officers, faculty and senior staff to develop policy positions and strategy.
- Collaborated with the Senior Director of Media Relations on agenda priorities, communications, and advocacy campaigns.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Climate Change from the Streets: How Conflict and Collaboration Strengthen the Environmental Justice Movement

Yale University Press (January 2020).

Refereed Journal Articles

Thomas, Kimberly, Dean Hardy, Heather Lazarus, **Michael Mendez**, Ben Orlove, Isabel Rivera-Collazo, and J. Timmons Roberts. (2019). “Explaining Differential Vulnerability to Climate Change: A Social Science Review.” *WIREs Climate Change*.

Hardy, D., **Mendez, M.** et al. (2018). Social Vulnerability: Social Science Perspectives on Climate Change, Part 1. Washington DC: *United States Global Change Research Program*.

Mendez, Michael (2015). “Assessing Local Climate Action Plans for Public Health Co-Benefits in Environmental Justice Communities.” *Local Environment: The International Journal of Justice and Sustainability*, Volume, 20. No. 6.

Mendez, Michael (2011). “University Social Responsibility: Balancing Economic and Societal Benefits of University Research.” *Journal of Science Policy and Governance*, Volume 1, no. 1.

Mendez, Michael (2005). “Latino New Urbanism: Building on Cultural Preferences.” Blakely, Ed, J. and Lang, Robert, E. (Eds.). *Opolis: An International Journal of Suburban and Metropolitan Studies*, Volume 1, no. 1.

Book Chapters

Mendez, Michael (2015). “The Civic Epistemologies of Urban Climate Change.” In Wendel, Delia and Samuels Aidoo, Fallon (eds.), *Spatializing Politics: Essays on Power and Place*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press.

Mendez, Michael (2006). “Latino New Urbanism.” In Cisneros, Henry (Former U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development), and Rosales, John (Eds.), *Casa y Comunidad: Latino Home and Neighborhood Design*, (pp. 101-127). National Association of Home Builders (NAHB).

Publications in Progress

Biehl, P., Crate, S., [et al, including **Mendez, M.**, Orlove, B., Roberts, J.T.]. The Challenges of Knowledge Integration for Climate Change Studies. *WIREs Climate Change*.

Revise and resubmit.

Mendez, Michael, Genevieve Flores-Haro, and Lucas Zucker. “The Invisible Victims of Wildfire: Understanding the Vulnerability of Undocumented Latinx and Indigenous Immigrants.” *Geoforum*.

Article in preparation and coauthored with community partners.

Mendez, Michael. Carbon Reductionism and Environmental Justice: Conflict and Collaboration in Subnational Climate Policy. *Journal of International Development: Policy Arena*. Manuscript in preparation.

FELLOWSHIPS AND RESEARCH GRANTS

Enabling the Next Generation of Hazards and Disasters Researchers Fellowship Program (National Science Foundation funded), National Hazards Center, University of Colorado, Boulder 2019-2021

The Frederick W. Hilles Publication Fund (\$5000), Yale Whitney Humanities Center, 2019

Yale Faculty of Color Teaching Learning Community, Fellow, 2018-2019

Yale Faculty Teaching Academy, Fellow, 2018

Yale Center for the Study of Race, Indigeneity, and Transnational Migration (RITM), Faculty Fellow (\$2,500), 2017-2018

PI: “Climate Resiliency and Drought Contingency Planning” in Rural Disadvantaged Communities of California.” California Endowment (\$20,000), 2017-2018

National Urban Forestry Grant Program (U.S. Forest Service)
“Climate Resilience through Urban Greening and Cooling.” (\$10,000, awarded but declined grant).

Poynter Fellowship in Journalism (\$5,000). Yale University, 2017-2018

Global Cities, Environmental Justice and the Arts. Yale University Art Gallery, 2017-2018

Griswold Faculty Research Fund, Whitney Humanities Center (\$4,000). Yale University, 2017-2018

U.S. Global Change Research Program – Federal & Academic Research Workshop on Social Science Perspectives on Climate Vulnerability (\$10,000). Yale University, 2016-2017

Diverse Voices Lecture Series. Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies, 2016

Yale University President’s Faculty Fellowship (Supplement of up to half of faculty salary), 2016-2019

RAND Corporation: Faculty Leaders Program in Policy Research and Analysis (\$4,000), 2016

Mellon Foundation Fellow: Democratizing Knowledge Institute, Syracuse University (\$3,000), 2016

UC Berkeley, Department of City & Regional Planning Summer Research Award (\$5,300), 2014

Global Environments Summer Academy (GESA) – Bern, Switzerland
University of Bern, Center for Development and Environment (\$5,000), 2013

UC Berkeley Graduate Normative Time Fellowship (\$18,000 and Tuition Waiver), 2013

Ford Foundation/National Academies of Sciences Pre-Doctoral Fellowship (\$75,000 and Tuition Waiver), 2012-2015

UC Berkeley Chancellor's Fellowship (\$108,000 and Tuition Waiver), 2010-2014

Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of Commerce Foundation (\$1,000), 2012

Markowski-Leach LGBT Scholarship (\$1,000), 2011

Victory Fund Gay and Lesbian Leadership Institute Training Travel Scholarship (\$1,000), 2009

National Hispanic Environmental Council Travel Fellow (\$1,000), 2002

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Graduate Fellowship (\$70,000), 2001-2003

American Planning Association Minority Planning Fellowship (\$4,000), 2001

AWARDS AND HONORS

Stonewall of Greater Sacramento: *Freedom of Speech LGBT Award*, 2016

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Department of Urban Studies and Planning
Public Service Award (\$10,000), 2004

American Planning Association, State Chapter - *Advocacy Planning Award*, 2004
Award given for advancing the issues of low-income and minority communities through the
“Latino New Urbanism Conference and Dialogue Series”

American Planning Association, Los Angeles Section - *Advocacy Planning Award*, 2004
Award given for advancing the issues of low-income and minority communities through the
“Latino New Urbanism Conference and Dialogue Series”

Outstanding Achievement in a Master in City Planning Thesis Award, 2003
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Department of Urban Studies and Planning

Outstanding Achievement in a Senior Thesis Award, 2001
Association of Retired Faculty, California State University, Northridge (\$1000)

Bobbi Paine Graduating Senior Award, 2001
California State University, Northridge, Department of Urban Studies and Planning (\$500)

Public Service Award, 2000
City of Los Angeles, Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.

INVITED TALKS AND PANELS

University of California, Sacramento Center: “Disparate Impacts of Wildfire on Undocumented Immigrants (November 2019).

Harvard University, Science and Technology Circle Seminar, (October 2019).

University of California, Davis, Environmental Justice Seminar (April 2019).

Williams College, Department of Environmental Studies, “Class of 1960 Lecture” (April 2019).

Workshop: “Undocumented Immigrants, Wildfires, and Climate Adaptation.” Co-sponsored with the Yale Center for the Study of Race, Indigeneity, and Transnational Migration (January 2019).

Columbia University, Graduate School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation, “Environmental Policy and Disadvantaged Communities” (October 2018).

Harvard University Graduate School of Design, Master Thesis Panel Reviewer (2014 - 2018).

Brown University, Climate and Development Lab, “Climate Change from the Streets” (January 2018)

Poynter Fellowship in Journalism Panel: “Climate Change and Justice in the Trump Era.” Yale University (January 2018).

“Global Cities, Environmental Justice and the Art” workshop at the Yale University Art Gallery – Levin Teaching Gallery (October 2017).

“Climate Change from the Streets”

Baumer Lecture Series, Knowlton School of Architecture, The Ohio State University (January 2017).

“Climate Justice” – Environmental Justice Seminar, American Studies Program, UC Davis (February 2016).

“Public Health, Climate Change and Environmental Justice” Urban Ecology Undergraduate Seminar, Department of Plant Sciences, University of California, Davis (March 2015).

“New Research Frontiers in Environmental Justice” Environmental Justice Graduate Seminar, Department of Community Development, University of California, Davis (February 2015).

“Local Politics and Climate Governance,” Local Government Undergraduate Seminar, Department of Political Science, University of California, Davis (May 2014).

“Climate Justice and the California Environmental Justice Movement,”

Environmental Justice Undergraduate Seminar, California State University, San Francisco (April 2014).

“Climate Change from the Streets,” Sociology Department Graduate Colloquium, University of California, Santa Cruz (March 2014).

“Local Politics and Policymaking in California,” California Policy Graduate Seminar, University of California, Davis, UC Sacramento Center (October 2010).

“Latinos and Policymaking in the Capitol,” Stanford Public Policy Leadership Institute. Stanford University – Sacramento, CA (July 2009 and 2010).

“Latino New Urbanism and Sustainability,” Planning for Multi-ethnic Cities Graduate Seminar, University of Southern California, School of Policy and Planning (February 2005).

“Defining Latino New Urbanism,” Introduction to Theories and History of Urban Planning Undergraduate course, University of California, Los Angeles, Department of Urban Planning (November 2004).

“Toward Culturally Inclusive Development: Latino New Urbanism,” Transit Oriented Development: The Creation of Southern California’s Latin Quarter Graduate Seminar, University of Southern California, School of Policy and Planning (March 2004).

Keynote Speaker, “What is Latino New Urbanism?” Latino New Urbanism Conference, Transportation Land-use Collaborative of Southern California and University of Southern California, School Policy and Planning (October 2003).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND PARTICIPATION

Initiative on Coastal Adaptation and Resilience (Panelists), University of South Florida, Saint Petersburg (October 2019).

Environment, Emergency Preparedness and Response in Latinx Health (Moderator and Presenter), American Public Health Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA (November 2019).

Mexico and California Building Environmental Resilience Together (Delegate), Mexico City, Mexico (October 2019).

Global Climate Action Summit (Delegate), San Francisco, CA (September 2018).

Latino Leadership on Climate Change (Participant), San Francisco, CA (September 2018).

California Climate Adaptation Forum (Workshop Participant), Sacramento, CA (August 2018).

American Association of Public Policy Analysis & Management, Mexico City, (July 2018).

Journal of Planning Education and Research (JPER), Early-career scholars writing workshop. Rutgers University (July 2017).

“How Can Climate Change Laws Better Serve Disadvantaged Communities?” National Academies of Sciences (NAS), Board on Environmental Change and Society. Washington D.C. (July 2017).

Next City Vanguard Urban Leadership Fellow, Concordia University, Montreal, Canada (May 2017).

U.S. Global Change Research Program (USGCRP) – Working Group Member: Social Science Perspectives on Climate Vulnerability. Washington D.C. (March 2017).

“Translocal Climate Justice”: Cornell Development in Sociology Conference, Ithaca, NY, Cornell University (October 2016).

“National Park Service Centennial: Urban Public Land Issues”, Yale University (September 2016).

“California Climate Justice” Panel and Roundtable (Panel and Roundtable Convener) – American Association of Geographers, San Francisco, CA (April 2016)

“Spatial Justice in a Changing Metropolis,” American Collegiate Schools of Planning, Houston, Texas (October 2015).

“Emerging Issues in Urban Planning: Ethno-Racial Intersections” – Panel Convener, Urban Affairs Association, Miami, Florida (April 2015).

“Climate Change and Public Health,” Third Annual Interfaith Climate Conference, Davis, California (March 2015).

“Geographic Engagements with Climate Justice,” Royal Geographical Society Annual Conference, London, England (August 2014).

Panel Organizer and Presenter, “STS and the City: Environmental Expertise in the Urban Environment,” 4S (Society for the Social Studies of Science) Annual Conference, San Diego, CA (October 2013).

“The Civic Epistemologies of California Climate Change,” In-n-Out California: Circulating Things and the Globalization of the West Coast Workshop, UC Berkeley, Center for Science & Technology (September 2013).

“From Global to Local: The Civic Epistemologies of Climate Change,” American Association of Geographers (AAG) Annual Conference - Urban Political Ecology and Climate Change Session, Los Angeles, California (April 2013).

“From Global to Local: The Civic Epistemologies of Climate Change,” Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) Annual Conference - Environmental Health Track, Cincinnati, Ohio (November 2012).

“Equity in Climate Change Planning,” Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) Annual Conference - Roundtable on Emerging Issues in Planning: Ethno-Racial Intersections, Cincinnati, Ohio (November 2012).

“From Global to Local: Configuring California Climates,” European Association for the Study of Science and Technology (EASST) and the Society for Social Studies of Science (4S) Bi-Annual Conference: Configuring Climate(s) Session, Copenhagen, Denmark (October 2012).

“From Global to Local: The Civic Epistemologies of Climate Change,” Rethinking Development in Light of Climate Change Workshop, University of California, Santa Cruz (October 2012).

“Justice and the Civic Epistemologies of Climate Change,” Black Environmental Thought II Conference, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis (September 2012).

Poster Presenter, “From Global to Local: The Civic Epistemologies of Climate Change,” Gordon Research Conference – Science and Technology Seminar: The International Context for Science and Technology Policy, New Hampshire (August 2012).

“The Politics of Spit and Consent: Why You Can’t Bring your Genes to College,” STGlobal Annual Conference -Science and Technology in Society" in collaboration with Mission Partners,

American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) and The National Academies, Washington, D.C. (April 2012).

“Latino New Urbanism and Public Health,” American Public Health Association Conference on Obesity and the Built Environment – Cultural Factors, Washington, D.C. (September 2006).

“Latino New Urbanism,” Public Housing Symposium – National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials - Cultural Differences in Homeownership Development Panel, San Francisco (July 2005).

Moderator, “Building Shared Perspectives: The Intersection of Smart Growth, Regional Equity, and Environmental Justice,” Advancing Regional Equity: The Second National Summit on Equitable Development, Social Justice, and Smart Growth – PolicyLink, Philadelphia (May 2005).

“Latino New Urbanism and Urban Design,” Working Neighborhoods: Failed Policies - Fresh Procedures Workshop. Workshop organized by the Architecture Research Institute (ARI) with the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture and sponsored by the Ford Foundation and the National Endowment of the Arts, Oakland (April 2005).

“Urban Design Session: Latino New Urbanism – Policy and Practice: The Growing Niche,” American Planning Association Annual National Conference, San Francisco (March 2005).

“Casa y Comunidad: Latino Home and Neighborhood Design Workshop,” American Sunrise (A non-profit Henry Cisneros Communities Venture). San Antonio, TX (December 2004).

“California Brownfields and Environmental Justice,” California Communities against Toxics Conference on Health and Environmental Justice, Sacramento, CA (November 2004).

“Successful Brownfields Redevelopment: Achieving Clarity on Regulatory Requirements, Processes and Options,” California Environmental Protection Agency, Regional Water Quality Board and Department of Toxic Substances Control, Los Angeles, CA (November 2004).

“Latino New Urbanism – Policy and Practice: The Growing Niche,” California Chapter of the American Planning Association Annual Conference – Urban Design Session, Palm Springs, California (October 2004).

“Legislative Update: Where do we Stand?” Better California Campaign (Statewide Environmental Campaign), Burbank, CA (September 2004).

“Latino New Urbanism and Transportation Policy,” Rail-Volution (National Transportation Conference) – Building New Voices for Transportation Workshop, Hollywood, CA (September 2004).

“Latino New Urbanism: Urban Design and Development,” Latino New Urbanism Dialogue Series - What does it look like and how do you Build It? Transportation Land-use Collaborative of Southern California, San Fernando, CA (April 2004).

“Preschools and Schools as Centers of Neighborhood Vitality,” First 5 Commission Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA (April 2004).

“Large Venues and Events Recycling Programs and Legislation,” California Resource Recovery Association Conference, Sacramento, CA (March 2004).

“Latinos and the California Housing Crisis,” Latino Summit Regional Workshops, Latino Issues Forum, William C. Valeasquez Institute and the Mexican American Legal Defense Fund (MALDEF). Fresno, CA (August 2003).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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| Faculty Yale University 2016 – 2019 | Environmental Policy and Environmental Justice Client-based environmental policy graduate practicum; and research seminar |
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| Instructor University of San Francisco Spring 2016 | Urban Climate Action Policy Studio Graduate Seminar |
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| Instructor University of San Francisco Fall 2015 | Urban Sustainability & Environmental Governance Upper Division Undergraduate Practicum |
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| Instructor University of Washington Summer 2015 | Urban Conservation and Sustainability <i>Doris Duke Conservation Scholars Program</i> (Undergrad) |
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| Head Graduate Student Instructor, UC Berkeley Fall 2014 | City Planning: Introduction to Planning Practice Core Master in City Planning Seminar |
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| Head Graduate Student Instructor, UC Berkeley | City Planning: Environmental Policy and Regulation, Graduate Studio |
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Fall 2013

**Graduate Student
Instructor, UC Berkeley**
Fall 2012

City Planning: Healthy Cities – Planning, Politics and
Population Health, Graduate Seminar

**Graduate Student
Instructor, UC Berkeley**
Fall 2011

City Planning: Neighborhood Planning and Urban Youth,
Graduate Studio

**Instructor
UC Berkeley**
Summer(s) 2011- 2012

Instructor of Record –College of Environmental Design’s
Climate Action Planning Studio. Undergraduate-level
Seminar for academically advanced domestic and
international high school students. The California
Governor’s Office of Planning & Research, the
California State Natural Resources Agency and the
Oakland Climate Action Coalition (OCAC) served as the
clients.

RELEVANT MENTORING AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

**Research Mentor,
UC Berkeley Graduate
Division for Equity and
Inclusion**
Summer(s) 2012 and 2014

Served as a PhD Research mentor for the Summer
Research Opportunity Program. The program is an
intensive summer academic research program for
promising undergraduate students from traditionally
disadvantaged communities interested in exploring
careers in research and academia.

**Graduate Student
Researcher, UC Berkeley**
Summer 2012

Assisted in the curriculum development and case study
research for the Master in City Planning core graduate
seminar course: Planning Practice Gateway.

**Graduate Student
Researcher, UC Berkeley**
Fall 2012

Documented case studies for the Center for Cities and
Schools relating to work-based learning & civic
engagement projects in under resourced high schools.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Undergraduate Urban Studies Major Committee, University of California, Irvine, 2019- Present

Social Ecology PhD Program Committee, University of California, Irvine, 2019 – Present

Co-convener of the Yale Faculty of Color Teaching Learning Fellowship, 2018 - 2019

Yale Student Interest Groups, Research Talks, 2017 - 2019

University-wide Urban Studies Faculty Research Group, Member, Yale University, 2016 - 2019

EQUID (Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity) Committee, Member, Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies, 2016 - 2019

Affiliated Faculty, Master's degree Land Use Specialization, Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies, 2016 - 2019

Global Cities, Environmental Justice and the Arts. Yale University Art Gallery, 2017 - 2019
Faculty Fellow, Ezra Stiles College, Yale College, 2016 – 2019

Poynter Fellowship in Journalism, Yale University, 2017 - 2018

Yale University, Master of Environmental Management, Application Reviewer, 2016 - 2017

Diverse Voices Lecture Series: Faculty Convener, Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies, 2016 - 2017.

Student Representative, Faculty Search Committee on Environmental Planning, and Sustainability
UC Berkeley, Department of City and Regional Planning, Spring 2013

Minority Graduate Student Recruitment Coordinator, Massachusetts Institute of Technology,
Department of Urban Studies and Planning, 2002-2003.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

The Section on Environmental Sociology Allan Schnaiberg Outstanding Publication Award
Committee, American Sociological Association, 2020.

Oxford University Press, Book Reviewer, 2019

The Section on Environmental Sociology Marvin E. Olsen Student Paper Award Committee,
American Sociological Association, 2017.

NATIONAL RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS

National Academies of Sciences, Transit Cooperative Research Program 2019 –Present
Panel Reviewer, Washington, DC

- Review project proposals for “An Update on Public Transportation’s Impacts on Greenhouse Gas Emissions.”

National Academies of Sciences, Board on Environmental Change & Society 2017 - Present
Board Member, Washington, DC

- Members help build understanding of human interactions with the biophysical environment; and integrate social and behavioral science research into environmental science and policy.

- Assisting in the management of a workshop and consensus research report that explores the societal/community impacts of both climate change and climate policies; with a particular focus on disadvantaged communities.

U.S. Global Change Research Program (USGCRP) 2016 - 2018

Work Group Member: Social Science Perspectives on Climate Vulnerability, Washington, DC

- USGCRP work group consists of 13 federal agencies that seek social science perspectives on climate change policy.
- Conducting Assessment Report of Social Science Perspectives to Climate Vulnerability.
- Convener of multi-university/federal workshop and public forum at Yale University.

STATE AND LOCAL APPOINTMENTS

California State Mining and Geology Board (SMGB) 2014 - 2016

Board Member, Sacramento, CA

- The SMGB serves as a regulatory, policy, and appeals body representing the State's interests in geology, geologic and seismologic hazards, conservation of mineral resources and reclamation of lands following surface mining activities.

City of Sacramento Planning Commission 2008 - 2012

Vice Chair and Commissioner, Sacramento, CA

- Charged with making land use and environmental legislative decisions for proposed urban development projects in a major metropolitan city.
- Assisted the city in developing the Climate Action Plan (CAP). The CAP was selected as the winner of the Sacramento Valley Region American Planning Association (APA) Award 2012, the State APA Award of Merit for Innovation in Green Community Planning 2012, and the Association of Environmental Professionals Merit Award for Climate Change 2013 (California Chapter).

Sacramento Environmental Commission (SEC) 2007 - 2009

Commissioner, City of Sacramento, CA

- The commission provides environmental leadership, assistance, analysis, and advice to the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors and the City Councils of Folsom, Galt, Isleton, and Sacramento.

City of Sacramento General Plan Advisory Committee 2007 - 2008

Committee Member – Sacramento, CA

- The committee facilitated, in concert with city staff, consultants, and the public, the update of the General Land-use Plan.
- Supplemented the community input provided at public workshops and provided feedback and guidance throughout the General Plan Update.
- Provided feedback and direction to the project consultant and City staff, with the goal of developing policies and objectives of the new General Plan that were responsive to community input, conditions, goals, and vision.

Sacramento County Human Services Coordinating Council 2007 - 2008

Member, County of Sacramento, CA

- The Human Services Coordinating Council serves as an advisory body to the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors on matter relating to health and human services planning and policy issues. The council assists in the drafting of the human services element for the Sacramento County General Plan update.

STRATEGIC CONSULTING

California State Air Resources Board Member, Dean Florez (CARB) 2016 - 2019
Advisor, Sacramento, CA

- Provide consultation on the health and equity implications of CARB’s pending climate change proposals (Scoping Plan, Offset Protocols, and Short-Lived Climate Pollutants).
- Collaborate with the board member on developing new policy initiatives and advocacy strategies.

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power Commission, William Funderburk, Vice President 2017 - 2018
Advisor, Los Angeles

- Assisted the Vice President in engaging academic partners and stakeholders to establish the “Equity Metrics Data Initiative.” The initiative is a data-driven framework that assesses how well programs, services, and resources are distributed and used throughout the city, both geographically and demographically, to determine whether any disparities exist.

Community Water Center 2015 - 2018
Advisor, Sacramento, CA

- Assisted the executive director with developing a scoping analysis to identify the systemic and structural deficiencies to drinking water access and affordability in the San Joaquin Valley’s disadvantaged communities.
- Managed a team of Yale graduate researchers to develop policy recommendations for state and local water decision-makers to improve drought contingency and water supply vulnerability planning for small water systems and in rural, disadvantaged, and unincorporated communities across California.

Sacramento City Unified School District Board President, Jay Hansen 2014 -2018
Advisor, Sacramento, CA

- Assisted with the implementation (site design, community engagement, and program development) of a \$3 million Community Benefits Agreement for the construction of a 3-acre urban farm and community garden.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Blue Shield of California 2006 - 2008
Senior Government Affairs Advocate, Sacramento, CA

- Successfully managed cross functional teams towards consensus, including internal company business units, in the development of policy positions.
- Monitored state and federal legislative health and pension related proposals to

determine their policy, legal, and fiscal implications for the company. Implemented appropriate policy response and strategy.

- Developed relationships to influence decision-makers by engaging competitor companies, leveraging company philanthropic efforts, and educating legislative staffers with influence over their elected officials.
- Collaborated with the Vice President of Media Relations on agenda priorities, communications, and advocacy strategies.
- Developed reports, briefing materials and presentations for senior management.
- Developed a strategic framework to assess candidates seeking elected office, including the viability of campaign teams and strategy, and alignment of policy interests with company objectives.
- Managed state and federal political action contribution committees.

California State Assembly

2003 - 2006

Senior Legislative Aide, Office of Assembly Member Cindy Montañez, Sacramento, CA

- Conducted fiscal and policy analysis of numerous pieces of legislation.
- Mediated competing interests of multiple stakeholders. Conducted issue briefings and drafted legislation.
- Assisted with the referral of controversial environmental policy bills for Assembly Rules Committee.
- Senior Consultant to the Assembly Select Committee on Environmental Justice.
- Collaborated with the Press Secretary on agenda priorities, communications, and advocacy strategies.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Yale New Haven Hospital

2018 - 2019

Spanish Language Visitation Program Ambassador, New Haven, CT

- Meet with Spanish-speaking admitted adult patients and provide them with information to better orient them for their hospital experience as well as answer questions and refer them to appropriate hospital staff.

Sacramento LGBT Homeless Youth Initiative

2010 - 2011

Community Fundraiser, Sacramento, CA

- Leveraged professional networks to lead the fundraising efforts to collect over \$20,000 to establish the first-ever local LGBT Homeless Youth Initiative for the Sacramento Gay and Lesbian Community Center.

Chicano Latino Youth Leadership Project

2003 - 2010

Member, Sacramento, CA

- Assisted in the organization and instruction of the Chicano Latino Youth Leadership Project legislative advocacy courses. Assisted in the review of over 500 applications to select 140 high school students to participate in the leadership and legislative conference.

Capitol Latino Association

2003 - 2010

Member, Sacramento, CA

- Assisted in the organization of informational sessions to educate Capitol Latino Legislative staff on policy issues of relevance to Latino communities.

LANGUAGES

English – (Native language)

Spanish – Highly proficient in speaking and reading, moderate proficiency in writing.

SOCIAL MEDIA

www.michaelanthonymendez.com

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