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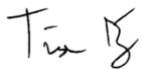
I Tina Ruiz, am submitting this letter of interest and resume, as application to serve as a member for the City of Santa Fe's Human Services Committee.

My experience and knowledge in developing equitable social frameworks is supported with an educational background in Sociology, International Relations, Indigenous Studies, and Community Planning. I bring 20 years of professional experience facilitating positive outcomes with diverse populations. Over the past seven years, as the owner of Juntos Consulting, my skills have focused on developing planning frameworks that are multi-faceted systematic solutions, which empower community leaders to create impactful long-term changes.

Originally from southern New Mexico, I have resided in Santa Fe since 2011. Throughout this time, I have witnessed programs' successes and challenges in implementing services that sustainably address the complexities our populations face. I have seen great potential when cross-sector collaboration is achieved, but only when it is rooted in representation of the peoples' voices. Additionally, there is great strength in fostering community capacity by drawing on data-driven planning methods to identify tangible solution.

My primary interest in being a Human Services Committee member is to have further opportunity to give back to the community that I also call home. On both a professional and personal level, I am well networked throughout New Mexico. I hope to have the opportunity to bring this deep level of community understanding and empathy to the City of Santa Fe's Human Services Committee. Thank you for your consideration to serve as a member, I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Tina Ruiz
Community Development Planner, MCRP
Juntos Consulting LLC



Objective

Develop systematic frameworks to support organizations in implementing community-based plans to address root societal factors contributing to public health challenges.

Education

University of New Mexico - Masters of Community and Regional Planning, 2023

New Mexico State University - Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and International Relations, 2006

University of Alberta Canada - Study Abroad Program in Indigenous Studies, 2006

Leadership and Volunteer Activities

Northern Youth Project	2023 – 2024	Strategic Planner
University of New Mexico	2021 – 2023	Graduate Assistant
Rio Puerco Alliance	2020 – 2021	Board Member
New Mexico First	2018, 2020, 2022	Town Hall Facilitator
New Mexico Water Collaborative	2014 – 2016	Board Member & Secretary
St. Elizabeth Shelter	2013 – 2014	Volunteer
Otero Mesa Preservation Society	2012 – 2013	Outreach Coordinator
Border Agricultural Workers Center	2011 – 2012	Volunteer
Amnesty International	2007 – 2008	Volunteer & Fundraiser
Alpha Kappa Delta Honor Society	2005 – 2006	Member & Secretary
National Dean's List	2003 – 2006	Academic Award
Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society	2003 – 2006	Member

Professional Experience

Juntos Consulting LLC. 2019 – Current. Owner/Consultant. Santa Fe, NM

Cultivate capacity for organizational and collaborative community development by facilitating key principles of planning for change, needs assessment processes, capacity building activities, implementation guidelines, evaluation services, and grant funding.

University of New Mexico 2024 - Current. Adjunct Professor. Albuquerque, NM

Instruction of Analytical Methods for the Community and Regional Planning Department.

Coop Consulting Inc. 2013 – 2019. Consultant. Santa Fe, NM

Technical assistance for programs implementing substance use prevention strategies, complete grant reporting requirements, develop and facilitate coalition trainings.

Community Development Institute 2013. Consultant. Luquillo, Puerto Rico

Assist the Luquillo Head Start program in developing a nature-based playground.

Railyard Park Conservancy 2012 – 2013. AmeriCorps VISTA. Santa Fe, NM)

Manage community outreach and educational efforts in collaboration with city officials.

English Language Tutoring 2008 – 2011. Freelance Educator. Leon, Nicaragua

Extended Central American travels and residence providing English language instruction.

University of Alberta 2007 – 2008. Program Assistant. Edmonton, Alberta Canada

Coordinated the Summer Abroad and the Alberta Smithsonian Internship programs.

Analyzed and transferred micro-film data from Metis land grants into an online database.

References

Tina Ruiz, MCRP, is a well networked individual that works with government, public, and non-profit organizations. Below are references demonstrating her professional career and expertise.

Caroline Scruggs

University of New Mexico - Community and Regional Planning, Professor

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Concha Montano

Montaño Education & Evaluation Consulting, Owner

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Edith Vasquez

Luna County DWI, Director

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Louise Sanchez

Rio Arriba County Substance Treatment Outreach Prevention (RACSTOP), Director

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Natalie Skogerboe

Aspen Solutions, Owner

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Ru Stempien

Northern Youth Project, Executive Director

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Tiffany Hollums

McCurdy Ministries, Executive Director

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