

## Angela Ramirez

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### Experience

#### *Special Assistant to the President, The White House*

2021-Present

- Named as a Special Assistant to the President (SAP) for the Office of Legislative Affairs, occupying the most senior slot among the House SAP team
- Organized and led the first congressional delegation trip of the Biden administration—overseeing a trip for Members of Congress to Texas border alongside senior staff from HHS, the Office of the First Lady, the Domestic Policy Council, and reporters
- Helped execute and joined a three-city infrastructure tour with Members of Congress, multiple Cabinet Secretaries, and the First Lady of the United States—including recommending cities and sites, briefing Dr. Biden, and providing strategic messaging guidance
- Regularly brief senior staff in the White House on policy and personnel issues—including the Chief of Staff, the First Lady’s Chief of Staff, the Deputy Chief of Staff, and the head of the Domestic Policy Council
- Draft and edit memos and remarks for the President of the United States and other White House principals
- Engage with policy experts on and off the hill, helping manage negotiations related to the infrastructure package

#### *Senior Staff, The Biden Transition Team*

2020

- Directly reported to the head of the Transition and joined regular senior staff meetings to discuss high-level strategy, challenges, and progress
- Served as the team’s original outreach director, creating a plan to involve outside stakeholders around the Transition’s core goals
- Presented strategic memos to senior transition staff, including Jeff Zients who would ultimately head the White House’s covid team
- Did press interviews, assisted in media strategy, and coordinated other public outreach
- Served as the sole Congressional advisor for much of the Transition, providing insight related to the legislative reconciliation process, nominations, and policy
- Assisted in personnel strategy from day 1—employing best practices to create a Transition that looks like America, create diverse “slates” of candidates to serve throughout the operation, and liaise with key entities to source talent.

#### *Chief of Staff*

#### **Assistant Speaker Ben Ray Luján**

2019–2020

- Envisioned and opened the Office of the Assistant Speaker—creating a press/messaging strategy, recruiting talent, negotiating budget and portfolio, positioning Luján at the top of the “next generation” of leadership
- Oversaw leadership office which includes innovative programming targeting freshman members through chief meetings, district director programming, and routine member meetings highlighting best practices
- Participate in leadership meetings at staff and member level, frequently advising Lujan/leadership on perspectives of the Hispanic Caucus (as the only Latino in leadership), freshman members, and DSCC/DCCC
- Transitioned Luján’s operation from running for House leadership to running for Senate—hiring personnel, meeting with the DSCC and other outside stakeholders, developing strategy with senior team on both the official and campaign sides

#### **DCCC Chairman Luján**

2015–2018

- Consulted regularly with the DCCC leadership/Members on issues related to staffing, diversity, Member/donor services, candidate recruitment, fundraising, and other high-level strategy—staffing diversity reached record numbers, DCCC routinely exceeded fundraising goals, a historic new House majority was elected

- Created and ran an annual chief of staff retreat with an initial goal of 20% participation—resulting in an event with near universal participation that continues today

**CHC Bold Pac Chairman Luján** 2011–2014

- Developed strategy that elevated the Congressman to Bold Pac Chair; assisted the Congressman with successful Bold meetings, expense containment, and dissemination of financial support to key candidates/entities
- Helped oversee Bold operations over four years, including starting inaugural events and weekend trips still in place today—Bold fundraising amounts raised during tenure increased by nearly 90%

**Congressman Ben Ray Luján** 2009–2010

- Opened the Congressman's seven offices—which included drafting a budget, onboarding 17 staff, developing systems to communicate internally and with constituents, and creating a strategy to achieve the Congressman's legislative aims
- Managed office budget and maintained high level of constituent service in the face of annual reductions totaling approximately 17% over six years
- Supervised staff in the DC and district offices, and voluntarily managed the Congressman's political staff/contractors—implementing best practices, tracking team progress toward achievement of goals, and developing a culture of collaborative accountability

*Executive Director, The Congressional Hispanic Caucus (CHC)* 2006–2008

- Coordinated efforts of Hispanic Democratic Members, helped to create unified CHC positions on issues of relevance to the Hispanic community
- Oversaw CHC whip operation—including providing vote information to Members, presenting CHC positions to leadership, negotiating bill language and floor procedure with key staff
- Managed CHC team and organized work of 21 staff from CHC Member offices in the Senate and House

*Senior Legislative Assistant, Congressman Joseph Crowley* 2003–2006

- Served as floor staff for the Congressman, a Chief Deputy Whip—organized vote counts, disseminated information to other Member offices, and shared intelligence with House Democratic Leadership
- Wrote speeches for the Congressman and delivered statements on his behalf to constituents, advocates, elected officials—including testifying to the New York City Council on immigrant healthcare

*Legislative Assistant, Congressman Joseph Crowley* 2002–2003

- Shepherded domestic policy legislation and oversaw appropriations projects in the Labor-HHS bill—reviewing earmarks, communicating with Senate and House Appropriations

*Fellow, The New Partnership Foundation* 2001–2000

- Researched needs of indigenous women in California and Mexico, presented findings to California legislators

*Health Policy Analyst, The Advisory Board Company* 1999–2001

- Examined healthcare best practices, findings presented to high-level hospital administrators

*Trial Preparation Assistant, Manhattan District Attorney's Office* 1998–1999

- Analyzed 20,000+ documents and assisted in witness interviews in 2nd largest case in bureau history

*Senate Fellow, California State Senator Betty Karnette* 1997–1998

- Handled legislation and related activities—including hearing research and organizing monthly meetings for the 27 legislators of the Women's Caucus

### **Awards and recognitions**

- Listed as a top Congressional staffer in National Journal's "The Hill People"
- Featured as one of seven notable Princeton alumni of color in the book *College Access & Opportunity*, alongside First Lady Michelle Obama and Justice Sonia Sotomayor
- Honoree at the Latino Influentials Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration

### **Education**

**Princeton University**, A.B. Political Economy, Certificate in Spanish Language and Literature

*Miscellaneous: Spanish proficiency, Rummage Sale/Soup Kitchen Volunteer, Quipfire! Improv Comedy Alum*