

SIGRID GONZALEZ

PROFILE

- Multi lingual individual with over 13 years of experience successfully leading and assisting change within organizations.
- Effective communicator with high-level officials from all different branches of government and international leaders.
- Efficient logistical coordinator with adaptable problem solving skills, detailed oriented, and high ethical standards.

EXPERIENCE

World Central Kitchen, October 2019 – Present Washington, D.C.
Relief Operations Lead, Disaster Relief Operations Team

- Serve on response-based assignments focusing on providing emergency food aid relief to affected, vulnerable, undocumented, and refugee populations, including within the US, U.S.-Mexico and Colombia-Venezuela borders.
- Manage and execute food relief operations with more than 40 staff and volunteers during fast-pace and sensitive environments in disaster zones while taking into consideration the special circumstances of the affected areas, including flooding, limited mobility, power outages, and dangerous zones.
- Communicate clear information and delegate tasks to members of the team in order to be an efficient and effective leader necessary on achieving a successful mission in every project.

Humanitarian Migrant Assistance on the U.S.-Mexico Border, June 2018 – Present El Paso/Cd. Juarez
Humanitarian Response Advocate

- Created the “Sandwiches for Migrants” initiative currently coordinating volunteers and materials to provide humanitarian food aid bags to all Remain in Mexico (MPP) migrants in coordination with the Mexican government.
- Established the “Escuelita” (little school) for migrant children in Cd. Juarez’s refugee camp by building a safe place and providing daily bilingual education programming for children subject to the “metering” waitlist to claim asylum.
- Served as a community volunteer to support Annunciation House’s mission of assisting migrants by taking lead in running emergency shelters and providing logistical help to over 5,000 migrants per week during the peak of the humanitarian crisis on the border.

U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), February 2013 - January 2017 Washington, D.C.
Special Advisor, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), Appointee for the Obama Administration

- Successfully coordinated, executed, and briefed Commissioner’s travel logistics through internal and external coordination completing 200+ domestic trips and 50+ international trips, which resulted in the signing of numerous agreements covering security, trade and travel facilitation and enforcement.
- Served as logistics trip representative on foreign and domestic visits for Vice President Biden and DHS Secretary Johnson.
- Facilitated visit coordination and communication among Congressional, state and local, and foreign government delegations in domestic and foreign visits to DHS facilities and points of interest.
- Organized and implemented efficient changes to the office of the Commissioner improving response times with offices for high priority requests for information, correspondence, and communication for CBP leadership.
- Oversaw and coordinated an internal group that prepared the White House nominee for CBP Commissioner.

U.S. House of Representatives, August 2008 - January 2013 Washington, D.C.
Legislative Assistant / Special Projects Coordinator, Office of Congressman Silvestre Reyes

- Lead manager of annual congressional events in Washington, D.C. and El Paso, TX with participation of high-level official visits, including President Obama and Cabinet Secretaries, requiring strong logistical and organizational skills.
- Advised Congressman on legislative issues, including border, immigration, and foreign relations, while serving as lead advisor for the Congressional Hispanic Caucus and Southwest Border Caucus.
- Prepared the Congressman’s briefing book and drafted memos, speeches, and talking points in English and Spanish.
- Managed the office’s daily congressional constituent legislative correspondence by implementing an efficient workflow model use to improve the response time and delivery of correspondence to constituents.

Reyes for Congress Campaign, October 2010 - May 2012 El Paso, Texas
Campaign Volunteer

- Lead planner and organizer of President Bill Clinton’s visit to El Paso with over 1,000 people in attendance.
- Assisted in grassroots organization, including phone banking and block walking contacting over 1,000+ voters.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, January - April 2008 Rockville, Maryland
Intern, Office of Refugee Resettlement

- Conducted background checks on potential sponsors for unaccompanied alien children (UAC) providing background check results to caseworkers to ensure the safety of UACs.

U.S. Department of State, Summers 2007 and 2008 Rome, Italy
Intern, Financial Management Center, U.S. Embassy Rome

- Analyzed financial data of various embassy and consular departments including the financial sections of accounting, vouchering, travel and transportation, payroll allowances, and cashiering.

EDUCATION

- St. Mary's University - Bachelor of Business Administration, [REDACTED] San Antonio, Texas
Majors: Accounting / International Business
- Lorenzo de' Medici Study Abroad Program, [REDACTED] Florence, Italy

LANGUAGES AND OTHER SKILLS

Languages: Spanish (native tongue) Italian (conversational skills) French (beginning level)
U.S. Government Security Clearance (2013-2017): Top Secret level