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Top Skills

Non-profits
Fundraising
Public Policy

Eva A. Millona

Assistant Secretary for Partnership and Engagement at U.S.
Department of Homeland Security
United States

Summary

Leading advocate for immigrants and refugees, active from the local to the international level. Passionate about human rights, equity and inclusion, and the full integration of foreign-born people as New Americans.

Experience

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Assistant Secretary for Partnership and Engagement
May 2021 - Present (2 years 4 months)

Massachusetts Immigrant & Refugee Advocacy Coalition (MIRA)
22 years

President and CEO
April 2020 - May 2021 (1 year 2 months)
Boston, Massachusetts, United States

Lead New England's largest coalition promoting the rights and integration of immigrants and refugees. Our team advocates for more than 1.2 million constituents through education and training, leadership development, institutional organizing, strategic communications, policy analysis and advocacy. MIRA's 130+ organizational members include immigrant-led community organizations; refugee resettlement agencies; providers of social, legal and health services, faith-based organizations and civil and human rights advocates. We organize and empower our members and allies, mobilize immigrant communities, and amplify and support their voices.

As President and CEO (and previously as Executive Director), provide strategic leadership for MIRA, lead fundraising, build and maintain relationships with officials at the federal, state and local levels, and serve as MIRA's primary spokesperson.

Serve on multiple boards and commissions, including:

- Governor's Advisory Council on Immigrants and Refugees
- Attorney General's Advisory Board on New Americans
- Boston Mayor's Board on Immigrant Advancement
- Boston Mayor's Health Inequities Task Force
- Metropolis International Executive Committee
- Metropolis North America Steering Committee
- U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Council
- Rockwood Leadership Institute

Executive Director

April 2008 - April 2020 (12 years 1 month)

Boston, Massachusetts, United States

Director of Policy and Advocacy / Deputy Director

June 2003 - April 2008 (4 years 11 months)

Boston, Massachusetts, United States

Director of Immigration Policy

June 2000 - June 2003 (3 years 1 month)

Boston, Massachusetts, United States

National Citizenship Program Director

June 1999 - June 2000 (1 year 1 month)

Boston, Massachusetts, United States

National Partnership for New Americans

Co-Chair and Board President

June 2010 - May 2021 (11 years)

District of Columbia, United States

Co-founder and co-leader of NPNA, founded by 12 of the country's largest statewide immigrant advocacy organizations and now including 37 organizations that come together to share expertise and work together to advocate nationally for immigrant communities. NPNA holds a unique position in the immigrant rights movement as the foremost institution composed of and led by immigrant constituencies who effectively mobilize for change that represents our most pressing needs.

NPNA also convenes its national partners at our annual National Immigrant Integration Conference (NIIC), a collaborative table where policy, business, nonprofit, labor, academic, faith, grassroots, and philanthropic leaders build towards a more vibrant, just, and welcoming democracy for all.

Friendly House MA, Inc
Director, Immigrant and Refugee Resettlement Program
January 1997 - June 1999 (2 years 6 months)
Worcester, Massachusetts, United States

Tirana District Court
District Judge
June 1989 - June 1992 (3 years 1 month)
Tirana, Albania

Education

Clark University
M.A., Political Studies · (1993 - 1995)

University of Tirana School of Law
J.D., Law · (1983 - 1988)