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## Top Skills

Politics  
Legislative Relations  
Legislative Affairs

# Felicia Escobar Carrillo

Chief of Staff, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services  
Los Angeles, California, United States

## Summary

Significant experience and expertise managing complex policymaking processes and building cross-sector coalitions to advance policy agendas. Extensive knowledge of immigration, refugee, enforcement, and immigrant integration policy.

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## Experience

USCIS- U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services  
Chief Of Staff  
January 2021 - Present (2 years 8 months)

The Beacon Fund  
Director of Immigration  
October 2017 - Present (5 years 11 months)  
Greater Denver Area

The Beacon Fund is a social venture that works to ensure that every individual has the personal skills, community resources, and systems-level supports to realize their full potential. I manage its immigration initiative, which includes efforts to reform our immigration laws and fully integrate immigrants and refugees into their new American communities.

California Community Foundation  
Principal Consultant, L.A. Justice Fund  
January 2017 - October 2018 (1 year 10 months)  
Greater Los Angeles Area

Guide development of legal defense fund to bolster and increase legal representation rates among Los Angeles' immigrants in removal proceedings, in partnership with the City and County of Los Angeles and philanthropic partners.

The White House  
7 years 1 month

Special Assistant to the President for Immigration Policy  
May 2014 - January 2017 (2 years 9 months)

#### Washington D.C. Metro Area

Managed President Obama's immigration policy agenda. Responsibilities included developing and implementing President Obama's 2014 Immigration Executive Actions and leading the White House Task Force on New Americans.

#### Senior Policy Director, Domestic Policy Council

June 2012 - May 2014 (2 years)

#### Washington D.C. Metro Area

Developed the President's comprehensive immigration reform policy agenda during the Senate immigration debate in 2013. Directed implementation of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) policy, which has provided temporary relief from deportation to 750,000 immigrant youth.

#### Senior Policy Advisor, Domestic Policy Council

January 2010 - May 2012 (2 years 5 months)

#### Washington D.C. Metro Area

Established federal interagency working group to provide White House senior team with an overview of the immigration system and to guide reforms pursued by the Obama Administration. Proposed and implemented administrative policy reforms, such as guidance establishing new enforcement priorities and clarifying the use of prosecutorial discretion in enforcement. Cultivated relationships between the Obama Administration and immigration stakeholders.

#### United States Senate

4 years 2 months

#### Senior Legislative Assistant, Senator Ken L. Salazar

January 2004 - August 2007 (3 years 8 months)

#### Washington D.C. Metro Area

Served as the Senator's primary advisor during Senate immigration debates in 2006 and 2007. Guided incoming Senator in the development of his initial policy agenda on judiciary, immigration, labor, and pensions issues.

#### Associate Director, Democratic Steering and Outreach Committee

July 2003 - January 2005 (1 year 7 months)

#### Washington D.C. Metro Area

Served as liaison to state and local elected officials and national Latino, immigration, and education advocacy organizations. Developed and executed Senate Democratic Caucus outreach and communications strategies.

National Council of La Raza

Policy Analyst

July 1999 - January 2001 (1 year 7 months)

San Antonio, Texas Area

Managed largest national Latino civil rights organization's state policy agenda on civil rights, education, health care, and immigration.

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## Education

Yale University

Bachelor's degree, Sociology and Ethncity, Race & Migration · (1995 - 1999)

University of California, Los Angeles - School of Law

JD, Law · (2007 - 2010)

Harvard Kennedy School

MPP, Public Policy · (2001 - 2003)