

# Johnathan Betancourt

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### **Representative Nydia Velázquez (NY-07) Brooklyn, New York** Community Liaison

January 2023– Present

- Attend and actively participate in Community Board meetings in Brooklyn (CB 4 and 5) and Queens (CB 5 and 9).
- Provide detailed updates to community boards on the Member's legislative activities, initiatives, and upcoming events.
- Gather feedback and concerns from community members to relay back to the Member and staff for action. ● Plan and execute a variety of events on behalf of the Member, including community resource fairs, virtual workshops, and site visits.
- Assist constituents with navigating and resolving issues related to federal agencies, including postal issues, IRS, Social Security, Section 8, NYCHA Housing, and Immigration cases.
- Develop and maintain strong relationships with community leaders, organizations, stakeholders, and other elected officials.

### **Representative Nydia Velázquez (CHCI) Washington D.C.** Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (CHCI) Legislative

Intern

September 2022 – November 2022

- Provided legislative staff with research on issues within the following policy areas: Healthcare, Housing, Puerto Rico, Homeland Security, and the Environment.
- Drafted correspondences on behalf of the Congresswoman to the President and federal agencies, including letter to Secretary Mayorkas requesting a waiver of the Jones Act, which was granted by the Secretary. ● Successfully utilized QUILL and E-Dear Colleague systems to garner congressional support for letters/bills.

### **P.A'.L.A.N.T.E Harlem New York, New York** Homeless Prevention Specialist

December 2020 – August 2022

- Conducted and assessed initial intakes with clients to determine solutions to their housing needs. ● Identified how to effectively complete the ERAP application for rental assistance and efficiently trained others to assist rent burdened tenants with the application.
- Provided effective assistance with housing related matters such as lease renewals, rent reductions, and SCRIE/DRIE rent freeze applications.
- Executed successful lease renewal, succession rights, rent overcharge, and decreased services complaints with Division of Housing and Community Renewal (DHCR).

## VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

### **Democratic National Convention**

Delegate for New York's 7th Congressional District

2024 Election Cycle

- Casted votes on important party matters, including the selection of the Democratic Party's presidential and vice-presidential nominees, adopting the party's platform, and electing party officials.

### **Jennifer Gutierrez for City Council District 34**

Canvasser

2023 Election Cycle

- Canvassed Bushwick Houses to garner support for the reelection of Councilwoman Jennifer Gutierrez.

## EDUCATION

**CUNY Queens College** Queens, NY Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Media Studies August 2018 -June 2022

**Hillcrest High School** Queens, NY Advanced Regents Pre Med Diploma September 2015 -June 2018

## AFFILIATIONS/HONORS

- Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (CHCI) Fall 2022 Cohort
- Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society