

Carmen Llanes Pulido

Community organizer, dynamic organizational leader, strategic partner and thinker, trainer and bridge-builder, supporting outcomes-driven initiatives for population health.

Employment History

GO! Austin/¡VAMOS! Austin (GAVA)

- **Executive Director** March 2017 to present
 - Lead strategist for implementation of the GAVA initiative
 - Collaborator with over a dozen organizational and institutional partners from nonprofit, public, academic and private sectors
 - Supervisor and trainer to GAVA organizers and partner staff
 - Liaison to researchers and funders at institutions including the University of Texas and Michael & Susan Dell Foundation
- **Community Director, Dove Springs** September 2014 - April 2017
- **School Sector Manager, Dove Springs** January 2013-September 2014

Marathon Kids

- **Wellness Team Program Manager**, May 2012-August 2014
- **Community Organizing Consultant**, August 2010-May 2012
- **Leadership Training Facilitator** 2010-2014
- **Trainer and Supervisor to junior organizers** 2010-2014

Sustainable Food Center, January-June 2010

- **Community Organizing consultant** for successful collaborative pilot, “Sprouting Healthy Marathon Kids”

People Organized in Defense of Earth and Her Resources (PODER),

Research Analyst & Organizer, Summer 2005 and June 2007-2011

- Facilitated and coordinated workshops for youth leadership development and “Nahui Ollin Healthy Communities” programming for parents and teens in East Austin.
- Led trainings on property taxes and online resources for East Austin residents.
- Developed community health and housing surveys; compiled reports and gave presentations to City of Austin and various commissions.
- Created presentations for graduate and undergraduate classes at the University of Texas and St. Edwards.

Southwest Key Programs, East Austin Vota! Campaign Coordinator, 2008

- Coordinated voter education, registration, and mobilization for city elections
- Co-organized East Austin City Council Candidate Forums, 2008 & 2009

Environmental Careers Organization (US Environmental Protection Agency)

- **Environmental Justice Community Outreach Intern**, summer 2005

City of Austin Commissions

Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Resource Advisory Commission, City of Austin

Vice-Chair, May 2017-present

Commissioner, August 2015-present

Austin Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (ICRC) May 2013-present

Served on the inaugural “10-1” commission that created the City of Austin’s ten single-member city council districts. Edited the commission’s public op-ed and final report.

Education and Awards

Fulcrum Fellowship, 2019-20: Center for Community Investment & Lincoln Institute of Land Policy

League of Women Voters, 2014: Outstanding Service on Austin’s inaugural independent citizens redistricting commission (ICRC)

International Women’s Day Award, 2011: Awarded by Ten Thousand Villages for outstanding environmental and community advancement

Green For All Academy Fellowship, 2010-2011: Awarded for leadership in the creation of a local, green cooperative economy in Texas.

- Created & led trainings for workers in the Cooperative Business Institute for Cooperation Texas (cooperationtexas.coop)
- Created educational models and instructional materials for cooperative businesses
- Organized inter-organizational forums with American YouthWorks, YouthBuild, Casa Verde Builders, and Southwest Key Programs, Cooperation TX.

University of Chicago, A.B. Environmental Studies Autumn 2003-June 2007

Thesis: Trading Health for Wealth: Economic, Nutritional, and Environmental Impacts of NAFTA on Maize and Food Production in the US and Mexico

Organization For Tropical Studies/Duke University: Undergraduate Study Abroad Program (USAP) in Costa Rica August-December 2005

Undergraduate Study Abroad Program: Tropical Biology and Environmental Policy
Mellon Fellowship, 2005 (Awarded for O.T.S. U.S.A.P.)

Volunteer Groups and Efforts:

Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas: Community Board Member, August 2012-present

Urban Roots: Community Advisory Board/Farm Advisory Council member, 2009-present

Lilith Fund for Reproductive Equity: Spanish Hotline Volunteer, January 2013- present

“Volunteer of the Year” 2013

Cooperation Texas Community Advisory Board 2009-2016

Texans United For Families (TUFF), Volunteer Member, 2007-2012

Alma de Mujer Center for Social Change, Coordinating Council, November 2008-2010
(Advised Director of Programs)

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Texas Fair Trade Coalition, July 2007-2010

Event Organizer for educational forums and workshops on trade policy; Panelist for Food Justice Speaker Series and “Fighting for a Fair Trade Future” Forum.

East Austin Leadership Development Program, Southwest Key Programs, 2009-10

Participated in a cohort of East Austinites to address various pressing community issues. Co-organized an East Austin City Council Candidates Forum framed by community issues, with over 50 neighbors and community stakeholders in attendance.