

# RENEE VILLARREAL

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## EDUCATION

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### **University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM**

*College of Architecture and Planning*

Master of Community and Regional Planning (MCRP)

August 2003 – December 2006

### **University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ**

*College of Architecture, Planning, and Landscape Architecture*

Master of Science in Planning (Transferred)

August 2002 – May 2003

### **New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM**

*College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences*

Bachelor of Science: Hotel, Restaurant, and Tourism Management, *Graduated with Honors*

Minors: Business Administration and Spanish

August 1993 – December 1997

### **University of Málaga, Ronda, Spain**

Intensive Spanish Language Certification

February 2000 – May 2000

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### **NewMexicoWomen.Org (NMW.O), Santa Fe, NM**

**Senior Director of Grantmaking & Community Partnerships**, February 2018 – Present

- Responsible for providing leadership, vision, and strategic support for all programmatic areas, resource development, and the overall operational needs of the organization.
- Lead and manage all aspects and activities related to NMW.O's grantmaking portfolios and strategies, including the disbursement of over \$1 million in funding each year.
- Co-create and co-lead the organizational strategy to ensure that all programs and resource development efforts are informed by, and grounded in, community outreach and feedback from grantee and community partners.
- Manage a variety of consultant agreements and contracts for organizational assessments, reports, evaluation requirements, and program related platforms and systems.
- Represent the organization at local and national funder forums and networks, coalition and grantee partner convenings, and other nonprofit sector related events and meetings to build and leverage relations and advance the organization's gender justice program initiatives.

**New Mexico Community Foundation (NMCF), Santa Fe, NM**

**Director of Programs and Community Outreach**, July 2011– January 2018

- Managed and directed all statewide multi-year grant programs with a variety of grant budgets ranging from \$50k-\$1million, that aimed to support marginalized communities, local leadership, social equity, and women and girls of color in New Mexico.
- Facilitated and supported place-based community projects and initiatives that provided capacity and community building to grantees, partner organizations, and community members.
- Managed a variety of consultant agreements and contracts to assist in research and report writing, evaluation requirements, visual and written communications, and program staff support.
- Oversaw all the financial and narrative reporting and evaluation requirements to local and national funders for programmatic grants.

**Santa Fe County Growth Management Department, Planning Division, Santa Fe, NM**

**Community Planner**, June 2004 – July 2011

- Disseminated information and organized public meetings, focus groups, and working groups with rural community members, organizations and marginalized stakeholders to obtain public input and participation on various community planning projects.
- Contributed to the writing of community strategic and long-range land use plans, and tied development goals to social and community equity.
- Represented County government in the facilitation of community planning meetings, conferences, classroom presentations, and other intergovernmental and tribal meetings. Regular topics included food systems and food security, agriculture and acequia preservation, governance, and community participation.
- Prepared professional oral and visual presentations on land use related issues and topics to the Board of County Commissioners, County Development Review Committee, and other public forums and/or conferences.
- Served as the County Designee/Appointee for the Santa Fe City and County Food Policy Council, 2009-2011.

**Santa Fe County Land Use Department, Planning Graduate Intern**, June 2003 – August 2003

**New Mexico Legislative Finance Committee, Project Intern**, May 2002 – July 2002

**New Mexico 2002 Legislative Session, House Majority Analyst**, January 2002 – February 2002

**National Hispanic Institute (NHI), New Mexico Community Outreach Program Director**, April 2001 – August 2001

**New Mexico 2001 Legislative Session, Senate Majority Analyst**, January 2001 - March 2001

## Leadership and Professional Affiliations

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- **Commissioner, New Mexico Commission on the Status of Women**, a 15-member body appointed by the Governor, and operating under state statute to advocate for women's equity, with a focus on reducing discrimination, conducting, research, and hosting statewide forums, May 2025 - Present
- Membership participant of the **Women's Funding Network (WFN)**, a national and global network which accelerates women's leadership and invests in solving critical social issues by bringing together the financial power, influence and voices of women's funds.
- **WFN Advocacy and Public Policy Peer Community Member**, a national philanthropic peer learning space focused on feminist policy priorities and advocacy approaches and identifying opportunities to organize in order to move regional, state, and national gender justice policy priorities forward.
- Member of the **HEAL Advisory Committee**, an advisory committee of funders overseeing the pooled funds designated to support legal programs benefiting asylum-seekers, refugees, and migrant workers in New Mexico.
- Member of the **NM Policy and Advocacy Funders Group**, a community of practice emergent learning space with other NM funders to explore areas to strategically support public policy and advocacy work, to raise awareness of philanthropy's important role in working with governments and nonprofits in the social sector and identify opportunities for pooled or shared grantmaking strategies.
- Member of HECHO's **Hispanic Conservation Leadership Council (HCLC)**, a National network of Hispanic elected, appointed, and community leaders who prioritize public land and water conservation and climate change mitigation in their local decision-making and community advocacy efforts – 2023-present.

## Civic and Community Engagement

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- **State Central Committee member** for the New Mexico Democratic Party, 2022-present.
- **Ward 2B Vice-Chair** for the Santa Fe County Democratic Party, 2025-present.
- **Santa Fe County Federation of Democratic Women** member, 2025-present.
- Member of **Chainbreaker Collective** community advisory committee, 2024-2025.
- **Councilwoman for the City of Santa Fe, serving two consecutive terms from 2016-2023.** Over this period, served on the following committees: Finance, Public Works, Public Utilities, Quality of Life, Buckman Direct Diversion Board, MPO Transportation Policy Board, Solid Waste Management Agency Board, and the Mayors Youth Advisory Board.
  - Served as **Chairwoman of the City Community Development Corporation** for 8 years, a review and recommending body made up of community members charged with reviewing grant proposals and making recommendations in support of affordable housing and the unhoused populations of Santa Fe, March 2016-December 2023.
  - **Co-Chair of the Community Health and Safety Task Force**, a recommending body made up of community members charged with examining and improving the city's provision of services by evolving its public safety practices to best ensure equitable treatment of all community members and take a more community-health driven approach to safety and wellbeing.

- Commissioner for the City of **Santa Fe Planning Commission**, October 2010 – June 2015.
- Board Member – **Santa Fe Farmer’s Market Institute** – October 2010 – October 2015.
- Board Member, Vice-President, and Interim President – **Warehouse 21, Santa Fe Teen Arts Center** – February 2007 – March 2010.

### **Skills and Competencies**

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- Proficient in the spoken Spanish and colloquial New Mexico Spanish language
- Competent knowledge of Microsoft 365 and associated core programs and collaboration apps
- Competent knowledge of social media and social network platforms

### **Notable Honors and Accolades**

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- 2024 Emerge New Mexico Woman of the Year
- Keynote Speaker for Santa Fe High School Class of 2024 Graduation
- Emerge New Mexico 2018 Graduating Class
- Southwest Organizing Project (SWOP) Jeanne Gauna Social Justice Spirit Award Recipient, 2017
- Scholarship Athlete on Division I Women’s Volleyball Team, New Mexico State University, 1993 – 1997
- Big West Athletic Conference All-Academic Women’s Volleyball Team, NMSU, 1994 – 1996.