

SASHA LOPEZ

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

I am a dedicated public servant with a strong background in government policy, community outreach, with hands-on experience navigating government systems to help people access the resources they need. With years of experience working directly with families, nonprofits, and local agencies, I bring a deep understanding of how public systems impact access to education, housing, and opportunity. I have led initiatives that bridge gaps between communities and government, ensuring that underserved populations have a voice in decision-making. I've built a career around connecting community needs in alignment with Palm Beach County's strategic priorities.

EXPERIENCE

Deputy Chief of Staff II to Vice Mayor Sara Baxter

*Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners | West Palm Beach, FL
Nov 2024 – Current*

- I conduct in-depth research to support initiatives that address housing affordability, homelessness, and tenant rights. I help lead community outreach efforts and events, build partnerships, manage constituent services, track legislation, coordinate public records, and support day-to-day operations that keep the office aligned with the Vice Mayor's goals while balancing the needs of farmworkers, families, and stakeholders across one of the most culturally and economically unique districts in Florida.

Commission Assistant II to Commissioner Michael Barnett, District 3

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Oct 2023 – Nov 2024*

- As Commission Assistant II to Commissioner Michael Barnett, who represented Palm Beach County's most Hispanic and culturally diverse district, I served as a liaison between the community and county government. I managed constituent casework, and coordinating responses to critical issues such as housing, code enforcement, and public safety. I collaborated with internal departments, legal teams, and community organizations to ensure they knew about the services we provide and how to help our residents through the process. My main role was to support the Commissioner's effort to advocate for underserved communities, promote fair housing, and address quality-of-life concerns across District 3.

Housing Specialist SMART Landlord Campaign

*Palm Beach County Human Services | West Palm Beach, FL |
Feb 2022 – Sept 2023*

- Worked closely with federal, state, and local agencies, as well as nonprofits, to increase housing resources through the Federal Continuum of Care. Advocated for affordable housing, supported policy development, and helped secure funding for low- to moderate-income families. Conducted community outreach, raising awareness of housing services the County provides, managed referrals to shelters, transitional housing, and tenant legal aid. Analyzed housing trends and contributed to the program's success.

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SKILLS

- Policy Analysis
- Government Systems
- Program Compliance & Development
- Resource Connection & Referral Services
- Tenant Rights & Fair Housing Education
- Cross System Data Management
- Cross Sector Collaboration
- Spanish Speaking

EDUCATION

- MBA, In Progress - 2026
- Bachelors in Business 2019
- Yellow Belt Six Sigma Analyst
- U.S Dept. of Housing & Urban Development Housing Counselor

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Improved School Stability for Families in Crisis: Successfully housed hundreds of low-income families through the SMART Landlord Campaign, reducing student absenteeism and school disruptions caused by housing instability.
- Partnered with Affordablehousing.com, which streamlined affordable housing access for Residents County wide.
- Recruited Agencies and Nonprofits to join Federal Continuum of Care for The Homeless and Housing Alliance.

TECHNICAL SYSTEMS

Microsoft 365 | Client Track | ARCGIS |
OSCARRS | JIRA | Power BI | TED |
GeoNav | eKPI