



Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army

ARIZONA (NORTH)



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Mr. Diaz is President of Mario E Diaz & Associates, a government and business development consulting firm located in Phoenix, Arizona that works closely with elected officials from the federal, state, local and Tribal levels of government throughout the country. Mr. Diaz began his professional career as a public servant having served as a staff assistant to United States Senator Dennis DeConcini (Ret.), Congressman Ed Pastor (decd.) Mr. Diaz continued his government service as the Director of the Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee for the Arizona U.S. Attorney's Office. Mr. Diaz also worked for former U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano as her Director of Intergovernmental Affairs Director for the Arizona Attorney General's Office and as Governor Napolitano's Deputy Chief of Staff.

EDUCATION

Mr. Diaz was the first in his family to attend and graduate from college. He began his education at Mt. San Antonio Community College in Southern California where he received his A.S. degree. He transferred to Arizona State University where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in political science in 1991, a Master Degree in Public Administration from Arizona State University in 1997. Mr. Diaz received the prestigious Hispanic Graduate of the Year award in 1997. Mr. Diaz earned his Master in International Service from American University in Washington, D.C., Spring 2021.

MEMBERSHIPS AND OTHER AFFILIATIONS

Mr. Diaz is a long-time recognized community leader where he spends significant time mentoring young people. Mr. Diaz currently serves on Arizona's largest youth soccer club, Phoenix Rising FC Youth Soccer Club's governing board. Mr. Diaz's passion is also to advocate for fairness for all people. Mr. Diaz's many years of service to the Arizona law enforcement community earned him an honorary membership in 2015 to the National Latino Peace Officers Association (AZ Chapter). Mr. Diaz is a member of the AIPAC (American Israel Political Action Committee) Latino Advisory Committee, a member of the Arizona State University President's community Advisory Board; and an advisor to elected officials across Arizona including governors, mayors, and federal elected officials.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Diaz has received numerous awards and recognition for his efforts to advocate for equality for all people. He has been awarded the Arizona Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Many of the Year Award; the Anti-Defamation League (Arizona Chapter) Community Partnership Award; the Valle del Sol Profiles of Success Award and the Arizona State University College of Liberal Arts & Science Community Award.

ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT

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