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Contact Information

Contact Name	Patty Salazar	Home Address	
Preferred Phone		Home City	
Preferred Email		Home State	
Other Phone		Home Zip	
Other Email		County	
DOB		Hispanic or Latino origin or Descent?	Yes
Gender	Female	Race/Ethnicity	Hispanic
Other Gender		Other Ethnicity	
Title		Salutation	
		Pronouns	she/her/hers

Application

Status	New	Council Resolution Number	
Notes			

Board Information

Board Name	Downtown Development Authority (DDA)	Original Start Date	
		End Date	
		Other boards or commissions served	

Work Information

Employer	Work Address
Position	Work City
Business Phone #	Work State
Work Email	Work Zip

Additional Information

Are you a registered voter?	Objection to appointment?	No
If so, what county?	Special Information	
Denver City Council District No	Registered Lobbyist	No
Conflict of Interest Explanation	Conflict of Interest	No

Education and General Qualifications

Name of High School

Name of Graduate School

Location of High School

Location of Graduate School

of Years Attended High school

of Years Attended Graduate School

Did you Graduate High School

Did you Graduate

Graduate Major

Name of College

Location of College

of Years Attended College

Did you Graduate College

Undergrad Major

Reference Details

Reference Name #1

Reference Email #1

Reference Phone #1

Reference Address #1

Reference Name #2

Reference Email #2

Reference Phone #2

Reference Address #2

Reference Name #3

Reference Email #3

Reference Phone #3

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Agree to a background check



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PATTY SALAZAR

Experienced State Government Executive

ABOUT ME

With more than two decades of working on complex regulatory and legislative issues, I am a proven agent of change. My service in both the public service and private sector reflects my passion to identify, advocate and implement policies and programs that meaningfully and equitably improve quality of life and economic health. As the Executive Director of a complex state government agency, I balance a steadfast commitment to mission with collaborative engagement of staff throughout the organization to achieve operational efficiency and organizational success.

Areas of Expertise

- ♦ Public Sector Executive Governance
- ♦ Regulatory Oversight and Reform
- ♦ Policy Development, Advocacy and Implementation
- ♦ Change Management
- ♦ Crisis Management and Communications
- ♦ Stakeholder Engagement

Key Accomplishments

- ♦ Led Colorado's regulatory agency through pandemic crisis response, including advising Governor on executive and public health orders to reduce regulatory barriers of healthcare professionals to meet medical surge needs, protect utility ratepayers from disconnections and homeowners from foreclosures related to economic impacts; provided industry-specific compliance guidance to more than 50 industries.
- ♦ Modernized the Colorado Public Utilities Commission.
- ♦ Professionalized more than 40 Board and Commissions in the state of Colorado.
- ♦ Reducing barriers to occupational licensure irrespective of residential status, the rehabilitated community and military spouses.
- ♦ Developed regulatory framework, including leveraging existing state resources, for the regulated use of natural medicines, including psilocybin to meet the will of voters.
- ♦ Reformed key programs to protect consumers, including the funeral industry

Recent Experience

Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies

Executive Director

January 2019 to Present

- ♦ Serves in the Cabinet of Governor Jared Polis as the Executive Director of Colorado's umbrella regulatory authority.
- ♦ Agency consists of more than 650 FTE with a budget of \$120 million to administer more than 50 regulatory programs and 40 boards and commissions with more than 300 appointees.
- ♦ Executive oversight of the Divisions of Banking, Civil Rights, Conservation, Financial Services, Insurance, Professions and Occupations, Real Estate, Securities as well as Office of the Utility Consumer Advocate and Public Utilities Commission. Further, oversight of the Colorado Office of Policy, Research and Regulatory Reform and the Office of Broadband Deployment.
- ♦ Served as the Chair of the State Internet Portal Authority (SIPA).

Financial Services Commissioner 2015 to 2016; 2018 to 2019

State Bank Commissioner

2018 to 2019

- ♦ Simultaneously served as the director of two statutory government agencies, the Division of Banking and Division of Financial Services, which collectively are responsible for regulating state-chartered commercial banks, credit unions, savings and loan associations, and trust companies as well as state-licensed money transmitters and enforcing the Public Deposit Protection Act.
- ♦ Actively served as a member of the National Association of State Chartered Credit Union Supervisors (NASCUS), including the Legislative and Regulatory Committee and of the Conference of State Bank Supervisors (CSBS). In a commitment to transparency and governmental accessibility, issued a regulatory guidance on cryptocurrency and the Colorado Money Transmitters Act, which is recognized by members of the financial services sector and the Blockchain community as helping put Colorado on the forefront of innovation.

Deputy Executive Director

2016 to 2018

- ♦ Appointed by then-Executive Director Joe Neguse to serve as the deputy director for the state's umbrella regulatory agency.
- ♦ Managed the Colorado Office of Policy, Research and Regulatory Reform, which is responsible for developing sunset and sunrise reports, which provide legislative and administrative recommendations for least burdensome regulation while ensuring consumer protection for regulatory programs across all state agencies.
- ♦ Managed the Broadband Deployment Director and oversaw strategies to ensure effective administration of the distribution of grant funds.
- ♦ Developed key reports for the Governor's Office, General Assembly and the DORA Executive Director, including Regulatory Report and Agenda; the agency's Annual Performance Plan; and for the State Measurement for Accountable, Responsive, and Transparent Government (SMART) Act and the Joint Budget Committee.
- ♦ Participated as a fellow in 2017 Governor's Performance Management Academy.

California Department of Business Oversight

Deputy Commissioner, Public Affairs

2012 to 2014

- ♦ Appointed by Governor Jerry Brown to lead public affairs office of state's financial services regulator, with oversight of four operational divisions: communications, consumer outreach, performance assurance, and consumer services.
- ♦ Provided strategic counsel to Commissioner on legislative issues and policy development as it related to the agency's jurisdiction regulating state-chartered commercial banks and credit unions, money transmitters, securities brokers and dealers, investment advisers, payday lenders and other consumer finance lenders.
- ♦ Served on Governor's Reorganization Plan implementation team to consolidate the Department of Corporations and the Department of Financial Institutions to form the Department of Business Oversight.
- ♦ Served as the Executive Sponsor for Lean Six Sigma projects to identify and implement operational efficiencies.
- ♦ Served as a key liaison to Department stakeholders, including industry associations, consumer groups, elected officials, federal and local regulatory agencies, and community organizations.
- ♦ Implemented statewide outreach programs to assist with homeownership preservation and to raise public awareness of trends in financial fraud.

California and Nevada Credit Union League

State Legislative and Regulatory Lobbyist

Sacramento, California

June 2010 to May 2012

- ♦ Managed state legislative and regulatory efforts in California and Nevada.
- ♦ Engaged more than 300 credit unions in political and legislative activities.
- ♦ Provided counsel to Political Action Committee regarding contributions to federal, state and local campaigns.

Community Involvement &

- ♦ Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD), Board member, gubernatorial appointee, 2024 to Present
- ♦ Women's Foundation of Colorado, Board of Trustee, 2023 to Present, Audit and Finance Committee, Member/co-Chair, 2018 to Present
- ♦ City and County of Denver Public Library, Commissioner, 2021 to Present, Latino Community Service Awards, Chair, 2023 to Present
- ♦ Mayor-Elect Johnston Transition Team, Excise and License co-Chair, 2023
- ♦ Vibrant Denver, Arts and Culture Subcommittee, Member, 2025

Recognition

- ♦ Colorado Women's Chamber of Commerce Top 25 Most Powerful Women in Business, 2025
- ♦ Council of State Governments, 20 Under 40 Leadership Award, 2021
- ♦ Latinas First Foundation, Trailblazer Award, 2019

Education

University of Southern California

Master of Public Administration, Dean's Merit Scholar
2005 to 2007

California State University, Northridge

Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, Cum Laude
2000 to 2004

Patty Salazar

Patty Salazar was appointed by [Colorado Governor Jared Polis](#) as Executive Director for the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) in January 2019. As DORA's Executive Director, she leads the state's umbrella regulatory authority and consumer protection agency which has oversight of more than 50 industries, whose work is supported by nearly 700 employees and more than 40 boards, commissions and advisory committees with more than 350 appointees.

Patty has served at the agency since 2015 in various executive leadership roles including as the State Bank and Financial Services Commissioner and as DORA's Deputy Executive Director with then-Executive Director Joe Neguse under the administration of Governor John Hickenlooper. Prior, she was an appointee in the administration of California Governor Jerry Brown at the California Department of Business Oversight (currently the Department of Financial Protection and Innovation) where she served as a deputy commissioner of external affairs. Earlier in her career, Patty has served as a consultant to various clients on community relations and strategies related to local, state and federal policy with a primary focus on consumer protection and breaking down barriers to socio-economic equality.

Patty earned a Master of Public Administration from the University of Southern California. With more than 20 years of legislative and regulatory experience, she is the recipient of the 2019 Latinas First Foundation Trailblazers Award and the 2021 Council of State Governments 20 Under 40 Leadership Award. She also serves on the Denver Library Commission, is a gubernatorial appointee to the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District Board of Directors, and is a Trustee of the Board of Women's Foundation of Colorado.

