

Hollie Velasquez-Horvath BIO

After graduating from Regis University, Hollie Velasquez-Horvath emerged into the political fundraising arena. She worked as a Political Manager and Fundraiser for over ten years at the city, state, and federal level in Colorado. Her past client list includes Governor John Hickenlooper, State Treasurer Cary Kennedy, State Senate President Brandon Shaffer, U.S. Senator Mark Udall, Congressman John Salazar, Governor Bill Richardson, the Democratic Governors Association and Secretary of Interior Ken Salazar.

In 2010, Velasquez-Horvath served as Deputy Campaign Manager on for the successful campaign to elect John Hickenlooper and then led his Inauguration Celebration. She also worked with several community leaders on campaigns for state and city referenda such as Preschool Matters, ProComp, and campaigns for education reform in Denver. Along with working for Democrats in Colorado, she has worked as a consultant to help start up finance operations for Denver area nonprofits like the Colorado Children's Campaign and Assistive Technology Partners. In 2011, Velasquez-Horvath changed career paths, joining the External Affairs department of Xcel Energy as the Manager of Political Engagement. In this role she managed external engagement teams in Colorado and Minnesota.

Velasquez-Horvath was promoted to Senior Manager of Political and Civic Engagement in 2013. In this role she was responsible for a companywide external engagement brand, Positive Effect. She also managed the Xcel's political giving. Hollie was recently promoted to Xcel's Director of Community Affairs. She now leads a team responsible for managing city political relationships, economic development activities, and social investments for Colorado (i.e., corporate sponsorships, the company's foundation, and employee community engagement). When she is not with family and friends, Velasquez-Horvath volunteers for nonprofits. She Chairs the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and Blue School Partners boards and serves on boards for the Children's Museum of Denver and was appointed by Governor Hickenlooper to serve on Great Outdoors Colorado.