

Topic: Economic Development Strategies for Latino Communities

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Rebeca Rangel, Vice President and Community Affairs Manager, joined Bank of the West in 2005. Rangel is responsible for the Bank's community relations efforts throughout the Western United States, as well as its multi-million dollar corporate philanthropy program. By strategically advancing Bank of the West's \$75 billion community support goal and Community Reinvestment Act objectives, Rangel contributes to multiple bottom lines for the Bank and the community.

Prior to joining Bank of the West, Rangel served as a Legislative Assistant to Congresswoman Hilda L. Solis in Washington D.C. where she developed the legislative strategy for a broad portfolio of domestic and international issues. Rangel has also provided consulting and research assistance to the National Council of La Raza, the Greenlining Institute, and microfinance institutions such as Accion USA and Pro Mujer-Mexico.

Rangel holds a bachelor's degree in Urban Studies from Stanford University, a master's degree in public policy from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government, and is currently enrolled at the Pacific Coast Banking School. Throughout her academic career, Rangel enjoyed teaching English as a Second to Language to university service employees and educating underserved youth.

Originally from Richmond, California, Rangel remains committed to her home community by volunteering with the Making Waves Education Program and serving on the board of Familias Unidas, a mental health agency serving Contra Costa County residents. Rangel is also a board member and loan committee member of Working Solutions and a performance outcomes committee member of Jewish Vocational Services.