

Alexandra Luz Sanchez

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SUMMARY

Highly driven, organized, quick-learning, trusted, and dedicated research professional and political staffer. Motivated to make the world a better place through public policy, education, and truth-telling.

EXPERIENCE

Joe Biden for President, Washington, DC

Legislative Research Lead, June 2020 – December 2020

Researched and analyzed high profile topic areas of 36-year legislative record, including voting record, committee work and bill sponsorships. Provided additional research and statistics for use in campaign materials and rapid response. Fact-checked campaign emails, social media posts, policy plans, candidate statements and speeches. Assisted Dr. Jill Biden's team as principal fact-checker for speeches and op-eds. Served as post-election/recount research lead and managed research team to assist legal and press team with timely research projects.

Mike Bloomberg for President, New York City, NY

Senior Researcher, February 2020 – March 2020

Provided policy and legislative research on fast paced primary campaign, including research on pandemics as COVID-19 reached the United States. Conducted both self-research and opposition research projects for rapid response.

Office of Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Washington, DC and New York City, NY

Research Director and Senior Advisor, February 2009 – February 2019

Responsible for fact checking materials including tweets, emails, website, speeches and press releases. Vetted locations and nominees to ensure no conflicts or problematic issues. Authored three comprehensive annual reports on hundreds of cases of sexual assault in the military that received widespread national media attention. Researched and compiled county-by-county statistical reports for public release. Researched and compiled documents on legislative and policy record of the Senator for press and internal use. Collaborated extensively with legislative, communications and New York state and regional staff and oversaw research interns. Responsible for preparing and vetting (in coordination with accountants and lawyers) Senator's annual Personal Financial Disclosures and taxes. On political side, in own time: Extensively researched dozens of primary opponents to prevent a primary contest in 2010. Played senior research role in 2010, 2012 and 2018 campaigns that included managing research staff, organizing debate prep sessions, writing debate prep book, and in mock debates served as Senator's opponent. Executed research department hiring and planning to launch Gillibrand 2020 Presidential run.

Tom Udall for Senate, Albuquerque, NM

Research Director, February 2008 – December 2008

Responsible for developing and executing research plan for top contested Senate race. Hired and managed staff to ensure project completion and accuracy. Prepared and executed ten comprehensive debate preparation sessions for the candidate. Served as final fact checker for all paid media, polling and focus groups, candidate speeches, and campaign press releases. Oversaw strategic research hits on opponent in coordination with communications team. Wrote talking points, speeches, Internet policy content and comprehensive debate/issues prep book for candidate use. Created strategy and responses to media inquiries on candidate positions and record.

Bill Richardson for President, Albuquerque/Santa Fe, NM and Des Moines, IA

Deputy Research Director, January 2007 – January 2008

Responsible for coordinating all candidate self-research and record needs for communications, speech writing, digital, and policy departments. Hired and managed staff. Responsible for writing, compiling and maintaining candidate debate book. Staffed candidate at Democratic Presidential debates during primary to facilitate logistics and candidate preparation. Developed responses to media inquiries on candidate positions and record. Served as final fact checker for all paid media, polling, candidate speeches, and campaign press releases. Oversaw issue correspondence and flyer development and creation throughout the campaign.

Bill Richardson for Governor, Albuquerque, NM

Research Director, January 2005 – January 2007

Oversaw and managed all candidate self-research and research staff. Working with consultant organized all self-research for a candidate career in the Congress, United Nations, Department of Energy and as Governor of New Mexico. Created fact sheets for distribution on candidate issue positions and accomplishments, including 33 county-specific flyers. Wrote talking points, speeches and Internet policy content. Developed responses to media questions on candidate positions and record. Served as fact checker for all paid media and polling.

John Kerry for President, Albuquerque, NM

Surrogate Scheduling/Event Coordinator, August 2004 – November 2004

Responsible for creating, staffing and providing briefing materials for surrogate outreach events around the state of New Mexico. Collaborated extensively with political and other stakeholders to create successful events with surrogates including Senator Kerry's sisters Diana and Peggy, Lt. Gen Claudia Kennedy, Amb. Wendy Sherman, Dolores Huerta, Martin Sheen, and John Cusack to build events creating broad-based support for the Kerry candidacy.

Democratic National Convention, Boston, MA

Credentials Supervisor, June 2004 – August 2004

Coordinated with team to oversee twelve credential distributors. Ensured accuracy of allocations and dispersal to hundreds of owners. Managed database updates, owner lists, and availability notification process.

Office of Governor Bill Richardson, Santa Fe, NM

Special Assistant, October 2003 – May 2004

Assisted both the Director of Cabinet Affairs and Deputy Chief of Staff in a fast-paced environment. Responsible for administrative duties related to the Governor's 30 member cabinet, including preparing and editing letters requested for Governor's signature. Took meeting notes and created action items per the Governor's request to ensure prompt completion of Governor's directives. Supported the Deputy Chief of Staff by serving as lead on staff projects such as the office holiday charity project. Assisted legislative team with bill and policy analysis during legislative session.

Campaign Office of Bill Richardson, Santa Fe, NM

Staff Assistant, July 2003 – October 2003

Earned media coordinator for Governor Richardson's successful 'Yes on 1 and 2', educational constitutional amendment campaign. Organized endorsement press conference and generated earned media on local TV. Wrote and placed editorials and letters in newspapers statewide. Served on staff for first national televised presidential primary debate in Albuquerque, NM and provided advance support to the Governor and rapid response support to debate coordinators. Oversaw invitation database, creation, and mailing with campaign team.

Bill Richardson for Governor and Transition, Albuquerque, NM

Research Assistant, March 2002 – January 2003

Fact-checked nearly every piece of literature and radio and television commercial script used on the campaign. Compiled, documented and organized candidate research, policy information, and opposition research for rapid-response use in a fast-paced environment. Prepared background documentation for campaign policies and platforms. Produced campaign flyers for targeted constituencies to be published in local newspapers and distributed to the voting public. Answered 1000 issue-emails from the campaign email account. Researched and wrote content for the campaign website, including candidate biography.

EDUCATION

Three years of coursework at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY towards a Bachelor of Science Degree in Government ((b) (6)). One year of coursework at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, NM towards a Bachelor of Science Degree in Political Science ((b) (6)). Additional coursework at Georgetown University ((b) (6)).

ACTIVITIES, HONORS, AWARDS

Democratic National Convention Volunteer: 2000, 2008, 2012, and 2016. Truman National Security Project Partner. Internships for NM Senator Jeff Bingaman (Energy and Natural Resources Committee) and NY Congressman Maurice Hinchey District Office. President, Cornell Democrats. National Hispanic Merit Scholar Finalist, Commended National Merit Scholar, New Mexico Public Interest Research Group Canvasser and Field Manager Award for Excellence.

INTERESTS

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