

# Alicia T. Orgera

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## AREAS OF STRENGTH AND EXPERTISE

- Constituent services
- Government relations
- Fundraising & advocacy
- Public speaking
- Community outreach
- Disaster response
- Education & labor policy
- Project & personnel management
- Interpersonal skills

## EDUCATION

### Master's in Public Policy and Administration

Northwestern University

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### B.A. Political Science- International Relations and Comparative Politics

University of Central Florida

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## EMPLOYMENT

### FISH of Sanibel-Captiva, Inc., Sanibel, FL

•Advisor (part-time)

Dec. 2021-present

Advise organization leadership and assist on special projects as needed.

•Executive Director

Jan. 2019-Dec. 2021

Manage daily operations, including all full-time, part-time, and contracted staff of \$2m wrap-around social service nonprofit organization. Oversee agency programs to ensure efficiency, including growth and elimination of programs or services. Engage with local stakeholders and clients to ensure FISH programming and resources reflect community and client needs. Represent FISH in outward facing events, meetings, and engagements. Responsible for fundraising and development with existing and potential supporters. Responsible for fiscal integrity of the organization, including development and implementation of annual budgeting.

### Office of U.S. Senator Bill Nelson, Fort Myers, FL

•Regional Director-Southwest Florida Region

July 2017-Jan. 2019

Responsible for all community and legislative outreach in Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Sarasota, Highlands, Hardee, and DeSoto counties. Act as a community liaison between the federal government and constituents, organizations, and local governments. Maintain existing relationships, as well as seek out and develop new constituent group relationships. Identify, monitor, and respond to regional issues in order to facilitate federal action. Letter writing and public speaking on behalf of Senator Nelson. Also manage regional office and staff. \*Left this position from June-November 2018 to work on Senator Nelson's re-election campaign.

### Bill Nelson for U.S. Senate, Orlando, FL

•Acting Political Director

Sep. 2018-Nov. 2018

Managed the political department during the 2018 midterm elections, including event and staff management. Designed and acted as lead staff for events with dignitaries, secured coalition support and political endorsements. Additionally, advised campaign manager and other senior campaign staff on Senator Nelson's legislative record and policy positions.

**Florida Democratic Party, Orlando, FL**

• *Outreach and Policy Advisor assigned to Nelson for Senate Campaign*

**June 2018-Sept. 2018**

Worked with Political Director to develop and execute outreach plans for various constituent groups. Advised campaign staff on Senator Nelson's legislative record and policy positions, including developing communications documents. Wrote memos for Senator Nelson and senior campaign staff on policy and political events/constituencies. Planned and organized logistics, as well as staffed Senator Nelson and surrogates, for campaign events. Assisted in overseeing other political staff in creating outreach events and executing overall political outreach plan.

**Office of U.S. Senator Bill Nelson, Washington, DC**

• *Legislative Assistant*

**Nov. 2015-July 2017**

Policy advisor for education, labor, pensions, government affairs, and postal service issues. In addition to Legislative Aide responsibilities, developed legislation, drafted amendments, and advised the senator on existing legislation. Primary policy liaison between federal agencies and Senator Nelson, as well as between the federal government and Florida stakeholders. Worked to secure millions of dollars in federal funding for Florida stakeholder projects through the federal appropriations process. Additionally, identified unique avenues to reprogram existing funds into Florida projects.

• *Legislative Aide*

**April 2014-Nov. 2015**

Responsible for tracking, analyzing, and giving recommendations on action regarding legislation and other developments in the education and U.S. Postal Service portfolio. Jointly responsible for commerce, transportation, and judiciary policy. Composed memoranda on legislation and current events in order to brief the senator for meetings, committee hearings, and events. Represented and staff the senator in meetings with state and local elected officials, Florida constituents, and interest groups. Assisted in interview and hiring process with Legislative Director for recruitment of legislative staff.

• *Legislative Correspondent*

**Sept. 2013-April 2014**

Managed issue portfolio of commerce, transportation, immigration, labor, and judiciary. Authored letters addressing current legislation and public policy issues in response to constituent mail. Assisted in research and writing of briefing memos for senior staff and Senator Nelson.

• *Scheduler*

**June 2010-Sept. 2013**

Acted as liaison and principal point of contact for the senator between executives, staff, other members of Congress, and executive branch. Received and evaluated all meeting and event requests from political firms, constituents, and executive branch agencies to create a daily schedule for the senator in Washington, Florida, and abroad.

**Office of U.S. Senator Bill Nelson, Orlando, FL**

• *Staff Assistant*

**June 2009-June 2010**

Assisted Constituent Services Director in research projects and high-level constituent advocacy cases. Logged and maintained records of constituent opinions and directed them to appropriate staff.

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