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Marco A. López, Jr. currently serves as the CEO of InterMestic Partners, an international business advisory and investment group that invests in, develops, and manages a wide portfolio of international projects to maximize client impact across borders.



In March of 2021, Marco ran for governor of Arizona, becoming the 4th Latino to successfully be placed on a major party nominating ballot in Arizona's history. Marco ran for governor because he believes in the Promise of Arizona – the promise that if you work hard and treat people with respect then Arizona is a place where you can make it. It's this idea that led Marco's parents to immigrate to Arizona from Mexico nearly fifty years ago. They didn't start out with much, but they dreamed that Marco and his sisters could do better than they did.

That's just what happened – they pushed Marco to get good grades in school so that he and his sisters could be the first generation in their family to go to college. Once Marco graduated from the University of Arizona, he knew he had to give back, so at just 21 years old he ran for mayor of his hometown of Nogales and won becoming one of the youngest mayors in the country. After winning two mayoral elections, Governor Napolitano asked Marco to serve at the state level as Director of the Arizona Department of Commerce where he oversaw critical trade relationships in the state.

Next, Marco was appointed to serve at the national level in the Obama Administration as chief of staff at Customs and Border Protection, where he oversaw a \$13 billion budget and 60,000 people. In 2011, Marco left the administration to start his own small business in Arizona just like his parents had done 40 years before. Over the past ten years, Marco's work has connected 1 million low-income families to high-speed internet in the US, and in AZ, his entrepreneurship is on track to create 16,000 jobs.

Marco Lopez ran for governor because he believes the Promise of Arizona is still possible, but for too many people in Arizona today it's out of reach. Marco continues to use his leadership experience in the private and public sectors to make that promise of opportunity that brought his parents to Arizona a reality for everyone.

Marco has served as a member of the Council of Foreign Relations, the Nature Conservancy Conservation & Public Policy Committee, the U.S. Department of Commerce Arizona District Export Council, and sits on numerous advisory boards for both private and public organizations.

Marco serves as Senior Advisor to the Carlos Slim Foundation, focusing on the Foundation's U.S. efforts on digital inclusion, vocational education, and economic development.

