

City of Laredo



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

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JAIME PEREZ TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT



Tell us about your family

I have been happily married for 30 years with my wonderful wife Elvialicia Perez. GOD and faith have always been the center of our lives, guiding us through every moment with many blessings. We've experienced GOD's grace in our marriage and in raising our 3 wonderful children. Elvialicia, Jaime, and Alyssa who happen to be the greatest gifts we could ever receive. I am grateful for the love and happiness we share every day.

What inspired you to work for the City of Laredo?

The inkling of seeking employment with the City of Laredo inspired me, because it allowed me to apply experience and leadership skills in a way that benefits people and the city I call home. I was drawn to the idea of contributing to the growth and well-being of Laredo, ensuring that our city thrives for future generations.

What is a "guilty pleasure" that you enjoy whenever you have time for yourself?

Spend a long weekend fishing and enjoying mother nature

If you had a "magic wand", unlimited time and endless money, what is the vacation of your dreams?

Travel the European continent by plane, train, boat, horse back, car alongside the greatest catch of my life my wife of course.

What three words would your friends use to describe?

Intellectual, Loyal, Humble

What is the one thing that you wish you were "brave" enough to do?

I wish I were brave enough to move to a new city to start fresh and embrace the new experiences

What's your favorite sports team to root for?

-Football-Dallas Cowboys
-Baseball-Houston Astros
-College-Texas A&M-University of Miami

What was your favorite thing to do as a child that you wish you could still do?

I loved spending the majority of the day playing outdoors with neighborhood friends, climbing trees, and exploring nature without a care in the world

JAIME PEREZ

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IRMA LOPEZ HUMAN RESOURCES



Tell us about your family

I have a husband of 32 years name Alberto, 3 wonderful children Kimberly, Justin, and Allison and 2 spoiled but very much loved grandsons named Mason and Ryan. Also, 2 of my children have pet kids, my grand pets are: Hershey, Cooper, Bailey and Nala. This is my wonderful family

Tell us about your career journey and what lead you to work for the City of Laredo?

I worked for TransTexas company for 10 years. After they closed I applied with the City's purchasing and Human Resources department hoping to continue with purchasing but Human Resources called me first and I accepted the job. That was 25 years ago...and the rest is history!

What advise would you give to a new City of Laredo employee?

Get to know your co-workers, take notes, don't be afraid to ask questions, volunteer on new projects and tasks...Do your best each day and try to learn something new...and before you know it you'll be great at what you do!

What's your favorite sports team to root for?

That's easy, The Dallas Cowboys

Who is your "role model" and what have you learned from them?

My supervisor, Mr. Garza, he is a walking encyclopedia, Google, and a City Historian. Not a day goes by where I don't say "I didn't know that!" Mr. Garza is down-to-earth and respectful, and I have picked up a lot of those qualities from him.

What's one song you have completely memorized or one song you cannot get out of your head because you just "love it" so much?

Imagine by John Lennon

What are three things still on your bucket list?

A cruise, Las Vegas, and visit my birthplace in North Dakota

What is the one thing that you wish you were "brave" enough to do?

Learn how to drive a motorcycle instead of just being a passenger.

What's something surprising that not many people know about you?

I am twice married to the same man, 1st marriage was Friday the 13th (believe me, it was not bad luck) the 2nd was on my birthday (greatest present ever!)

IRMA LOPEZ

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JUAN A. MUÑOZ PARKS & RECREATION



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Tell us about your family

La familia Munoz is a very united family. They are my motivation to keep going and we stick together. We love to spend as much time together as we can on our free time from work and school. In addition, we love the outdoor adventures in our RV and last minute trips.

Tell us about your career journey and what lead you to work for the City of Laredo?

Summer of 97' Junior in high school, I applied for a summer youth job with the Texas Workforce and got at K. Tarver Rec. Center. That summer experience was what initiated my voyage with this department. Summer of 2000 I came back as a Playground assistant. Since then, I have leveled up during these 24 years as a Recreational Specialist, Supervisor, and now Assistant Recreation Center Manager.

What do you love most about your job?

What I love most about my job is being part of the growth of different generations of members and their families that participated at the recreation centers I have worked.

What is a quote that you find yourself using or referring to often?

Passion + Hard work = Success

What's your favorite sports team to root for?

1990-1998 Chicago Bulls

What are three things still on your bucket list?

Visit all 50 States, start a business, and own a classic car

What is one thing that you wish you were "brave enough" to do?

Move out of town

What was your favorite thing to do as a child that you wish you could still do?

My favorite thing to do as a child was to play kickball with the neighborhood kids and my oldest sister.

What three words would your friends use to describe you?

Proactive, synergize, selfless-service

What is a "guilty pleasure" that you enjoy whenever you have time for yourself?

Taking a last minute day trip to the nearest town or city for dinner.