

City of Laredo



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" Everything happens for a reason "

KARLA LOZANO BUDGET DEPARTMENT

What inspired you to work for the City of Laredo?

The City just seemed like it had a lot of possible opportunities to grow as an employee and I wanted to explore how much more I could learn and grow.

What's the best advice you can give to someone who just started working for the City of Laredo?

Take in as much information as you can from those around you, because they will help you to do the things you need to do to help your department.

What are three things on your bucket list?

Travel to Europe, go Skydiving, learn a different language.

What is a professional goal you wish to accomplish within the next year?

I wish to continue learning things that are out of my everyday tasks and to continue learning what my department does to help the City.

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

I have a slight obsession with cow print and the color pink.

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

I enjoy going on long drives with music on LOUD.

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" Be so good they can't Ignore
you. "

-Steve Martin

CLARISA VALADEZ PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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

My journey started in high school when I started working for my father's company. As I shadowed him throughout the years, I grew a love for business and networking.

What inspired you to work for the City of Laredo?

I have my father to thank for exposing me to his career with the City of Laredo. In 1978 he became the first Director for the Parks and Recreation Department. I have always been inspired by his dedication to the City of Laredo.

What are three things on your bucket list?

See the Northern Lights, visit Bora Bora and Go Skydiving!

What is a professional goal you wish to accomplish within the next year?

I want to finish my Bachelor's degree that I put on hold when I initially started my family.

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

I love watching historical documentaries.

Tell us about your family.

I am a mother of 3. Daughter (22) Daughter (16) Son (14)
Oh, and I am also a grandmother of 2 sweet boys.

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“The only person who never makes a mistake is someone who never does anything”
-Theodore Roosevelt

LOLIS SALINAS HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

What inspired you to work for the City of Laredo?

I had experience working at private companies but never for local government and wanted to gain that exposure.

What’s the best advice you can give someone who just started working for the City of Laredo?

Learn as much as you can and don’t just treat this as a job because it can quickly become a very successful career with the City.

What are three things on your bucket list?

To visit historical sites all over Europe; Leisurely read 20 books in a year; Retire and live by the beach.

What is a professional goal you wish to accomplish within the next year?

To complete my Wellness Incentive Checklist early.

What is something surprising that not many people know about you?

I have practiced yoga for 5 years. I definitely recommend it for its various health benefits and it's a great stress reliever.

Tell us about your family.

I am a fairly new mom to 1 year old Amelie Arbol Salinas. My husband of 4 years and I can talk about her and show pictures of her all day, we are so excited to be parents.