

City of Laredo



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

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CHRISTIAN A. OCHOA ANIMAL CARE SERVICES



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CHRISTIAN A. OCHOA

Name you like to go by: Christian

Department you work in: Animal Care Services

Your job title: Administrative Assistant

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What inspired you to work for the City of Laredo?

From my deep-rooted connection and commitment to my community. As a young professional, I am motivated by the impact I may have in the future of our city.

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

Stay engaged with the community, prioritize continuous learning and teamwork, embrace adaptability, value feedback, uphold ethics, and always remember the passion that led you to serve the city.

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

I serve on the board of a local non-profit. Literacy Volunteers of Laredo.

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

The vacation of my dreams would consist of visiting the 7 wonders of the world. So far, I've only been to Chichen Itza!

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

I enjoy binge-watching Christmas movies, year round!

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

Those would be the people around me. Educators, mentors, and close friends who have shaped my perspectives, guided me, and supported me throughout my journey.

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JUAN VAZQUEZ

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

What do you love most about your job?

What I love about my job is, that I feel that we are making a difference to our beautiful City. By preventive Storm water Pollution not only are we keeping our storm Drains clean and preventing flooding, but we are also trying to keep our Rio Grande safe and pollutant free.

Tell us about your family

I am the Parent of a 28 year old Son who received his Masters Degree this past year and a 22 year old Daughter who will graduate this year from Columbia College. "My wife and I are very Proud"

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

As a teenager i used to be A Disc-jockey- I would DJ/mix with Vinyl Records.

What's your favorite sports team to root for?

I am a Chicago Cubs die-hard Fan. So Proud when they broke the curse and won the World series in 2016.

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

The advice that I would give to a new employee is; to take advantage of all the trainings, opportunities and benefits that the City has to offer.

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

My dream Vacation would be, To Visit all the Disney World Resorts- I have been to Disney world (Orlando) and Disney Land , I would be pending-Tokyo, Paris,Hong Kong and China.

JUAN VAZQUEZ

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SORAIDA CHAPA HEALTH DEPARTMENT



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Name you like to go by: Soraida or Sori

Department you work in: Health Dept.

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RN

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What inspired you to work for the City of Laredo?

I have always worked in the community and have always enjoyed helping others that do not have or know resources in the community.

What do you love most about your job?

I love that I get to help someone get cured and enjoy seeing them thrive after recovery. I also enjoy the friendships I have made throughout my years working with City of Laredo Health Department.

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

I would travel the world and enjoy my life without any worries, assist all my siblings, family and friends financially.

What three words would your friends use to describe you?

Helpful, Empathetic, Versatile

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

Always treat others as you would like your family to be treated with dignity, equality and without judgment. And always try to go above and beyond at the end you will be satisfied even if you are not recognized.

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

My role model would be my parents who persevered and made a better life for our family, I am what am because of them.

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ELOISA VEDIA LIBRARY DEPARTMENT

What do you love most about your job?

Everything!!!! :) I enjoy doing a little bit of everything. Love working with the public and be part of an institution that provides public services. It is incredibly rewarding.

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

Never give up and never lose our essence of always giving and doing our best on everything.

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

My journey in City of Laredo started 25 years ago. I've been loving to work for the City of Laredo Public Libraries ever since.

What inspired you to work for the City of Laredo?

To be able to help out the community.

What three words would your friends use to describe you?

Dedicated. Passionate, and Understanding

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

Let all that you do be done in LOVE!!

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

My daughter is a role model for me.

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ELOISA VEDIA

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