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EDUARDO BERNAL PLANNING DEPARTMENT



Tell us about your family

I am a parent of three. My oldest son lives and works in San Antonio as an accountant and a UTSA alumni. I also have two beautiful daughters, Julissa and Vanessa. Julie was born with Down Syndrome she loves to dance and enjoys being with family and friends. My youngest Vanessa is a Laredo College graduate currently working as an Assistant Day Care Teacher. My wife and I are extremely happy of our joyous family.

What do you love most about your job?

The most I love of my job is the satisfaction getting work assignments completed and on schedule. However, this cannot be done without my supervisor and mentor, and also the outstanding teamwork we have in our department.

What is a quote you find yourself using often?

"Live each day like it was your last"

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

Can't refuse eating some sweet bread.

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

One thing that I wish I was brave to do is learn how to fly an airplane yet I am terrified of heights.

What's your favorite sports team to root for?

Houston Astros.

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ARNOLDO J. LOZANO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Tell us about your career journey and what led you to work for the City?

I graduated from Texas A&M University - Kingsville with a degree in Criminal Justice. I worked as a Sergeant for the Kleberg County Jail on the Jail Cell Extraction Team. I also worked as a probation officer and court officer for Webb County. I learned Grant writing and administration experience while at the county and that led me to explore other careers, which led me to the City of Laredo.

What inspired you to work for the City of Laredo?

To be honest, I couldn't tell you what really inspired me to begin working, but I can tell you what inspires me to keep working for the City! The City has been an incredible place to learn and grow.

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?

It is difficult to get any time for myself, but if I had it my way, I'd be at my ranch, hunting, fishing, or working the land.

What are three things on your bucket list?

See my girls get married, see my grandkids, dance at my 50th wedding anniversary.

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ARNOLDO JESUS LOZANO

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LINDA Y. LOZANO HUMAN RESOURCES

Tell us about your career journey and what led you to work for the City?

When I started with the city, I started in the Human Resources Administration Division, and I recently took the opportunity to move to the HR Civil Service division.

What inspired you to work for the City of Laredo?

Laredo is my home, and I want to learn how different areas and departments operate.

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

Be patient and learn as much as possible.

Tell us about your family.

I have two 4-legged fur babies. Sebastian & Mango

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

Visit all the main and hidden spots in Mexico.

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

Il like to watch my favorite movie on repeat all day.

What is one song you have completely memorized or one song you cannot get out of your head?

What a wonderful World by Louis Armstrong

What are three words your friends would use to describe you?

Sincere, Happy, Dramatic



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LINDA Y. LOZANO

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ALYSSA D. FERNANDEZ **EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION CENTER**

Tell us about your career journey and what led you to work for the City?

I decided to apply for 911 to broaden my knowledge on law enforcement and the back stage work of PD and Fire. I was able to progress from call taking to a fully trained dispatcher and have worked here for about 4 years. Working here gives me a strong sense of community and I know I get to do my part to assist those around me.

What do you love most about your job?

I love the feeling of team work. When the work gets hectic and everyone focuses on their duties to the best of their abilities. Seeing my coworkers and I work in unison is something that is amazing to witness. That along with helping Police and Fire find those in need is always rewarding.

Whats your favorite sports team?

The New York Giants thanks to my dad.

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

Have patience with all things but first of all yourself -
Frances De Sales

What is one song you have completely memorized or one song you cannot get out of your head?

"Sabor a Mi" - Eydie Gorme, Los Panchos. It reminds me of my grandmother and how often she would sing it. I now know it by heart.

What are three words your friends would use to describe you?

Self Sufficient, Team Player, Adaptive