

City of Laredo



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

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AMELI CHAPA PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Tell us about your family

My husband and I have been married for 4 years now. Together we have 2 dogs, Totot & Nina. We love to watch movies, and we enjoy traveling!

What inspired you to work for the City of Laredo?

I pursued this role to broaden my understanding of different areas within the health field, gaining exposure to public health initiatives and expanding my professional experience beyond clinical settings.

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

My parents, my twin brother, and my husband. My parents are hardworking and have demonstrated excellent work ethic, my brother teaches me to be perseverant and to see the good side in everyone and everything, and my husband makes me the best version of myself every day.

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

To be kind to everyone and don't be afraid to ask for help.

What three words would your friends use to describe you?

Creative, sincere, authentic

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

Watching movies and making cane asada!

What’s your favorite sports team to root for?

Green Bay Packers!

What are three things still on your bucket list?

Have kids
Learn a new language
Travel around the world

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

Tabaco y Chanel by Bacilos



AMELI CHAPA

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JUAN M. BLASCO JR. AIRPORT POLICE

Tell us about your family

I am a single dad to a 13-year-old boy named Cristobal (Cris). Yes, it's tough playing both sides of the fence being mom & dad. Do I know what I'm doing? Of course not, but single moms have been doing this for years. I just ask myself, "What Would My Dad Do"?

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

I have ALWAYS loved working at the Airport. I started working with Continental Airlines back in 2003. When I heard that a COL position was about to open, I was excited. I now get to work with Chief DeHoyos, Asst. Chief J. Jimenez & Capt. J. Garza. They are the pros in this field & have worked it for years... and now I get to be a part of that.

What inspired you to work for the City of Laredo?

I get to be a part of the infrastructure of the City I live in, how cool is that? Ever since I signed my paperwork downtown, I have NEVER taken my employment for granted. It's like being part of the cool kids back in school.

What three words would your friends use to describe you?

Hilarious, Loyal, and Goofy

If you had a "magic wand", what is the vacation of your dreams?

To get my family together for a beach front vacation anywhere like Hawaii, Spain, Italy, or even Casa Blanca Lake. It's almost the same!

What's your favorite sports team to root for?

I'm originally from N.W. Indiana so: Football - Chicago BEARS, Baseball - Chicago CUBS and for Hockey - Las Vegas Golden Knights!

What are three things still on your bucket list?

1. To say to someone: Congratulations, You Beat Cancer!
2. Fly (or ride) a fighter jet
3. Body Glide off the Hoover Dam



JUAN M. BLASCO JR.

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CASSANDRA R. RODRIGUEZ FINANCE DEPARTMENT

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

I graduated from TAMU with my Master's degree in professional accountancy. I decided to apply due to my love for accounting and for the City I was raised in.

What do you love most about your job?

I cherish that we can support and encourage one another. I am proud of the impact I know my work creates, and I love what I do.

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

My family is my inspiration; each of them have taught me valuable life lessons. I learned how important it is to be kind, resilient, and modest.

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

"I'd rather regret the risks that didn't work out than the chances I didn't take at all." - Simone Biles

What three words would your friends use to describe you?

My friends would describe me as honest, loyal, and kind.

If you had a "magic wand", what is the vacation of your dreams?

Explore the Galapagos Islands

What's your favorite sports team to root for?

My favorite sports team is the Dallas Cowboys!

What are three things still on your bucket list?

- Travel around the world
- Go for my CPA
- Win the Lottery

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

To go on a cruise ship.



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