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PERSONAL INFORMATION:

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EDUCATION:

2001	GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY - Washington, D.C. <i>Cum Laude</i> , Bachelor of Arts in Political Science <i>Secondary Fields of Study:</i> Business Administration and Psychology
1997	XAVIER SCHOOL - San Juan, Metropolitan Manila Secondary Education
1993	XAVIER SCHOOL - San Juan, Metropolitan Manila Primary Education

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT

Secretary, February 2023 to present

- Established the zero-lines policy to streamline client-centered programs of the Department.
- Worked on improving information technology programs within the DSWD.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Representative (19th Congress), 1st Congressional District of Valenzuela, July 2022 to January 2023

- Advocated for improved fiscal collection and capacity building of local government units as Chairman of the House Committee on Local Government.
- Authored bills to uplift the education system in the country, as well as, bills for the overall welfare of the Filipino people.

CITY GOVERNMENT OF VALENZUELA

City Mayor, 2013 to 2022

- Worked to innovate local governance under the "Five Pillars of Good Governance" Education, Health and Social Services, Housing, Economic Development, and Livability and Disaster Preparedness

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Representative (14th and 15th Congress), 1st Congressional District of Valenzuela, 2007 to 2013

- Sought to further ensure the protection of our Overseas Filipino Workers (OFW). As Vice-Chairman for the Congressional Committee for Overseas Workers' Affairs, authored Republic Act No. 10022, also known as "An Act Amending R.A. 8042, otherwise known as the Migrant Workers and Overseas Filipinos Act of 1995". The law mandates new policies for the further protection and genuine representation of our migrant workers.
- One of the principal authors of Republic Act No. 9576, or the law that doubles the maximum deposit insurance coverage by the Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation (PDIC) from PhP 250,000 to PhP 500,000.

COMMISSION ON APPOINTMENTS

Member, 2010 to 2013

WATERFRONT HOTELS AND CASINO (Manila, Cebu, Davao)

President, 2005 to 2007

WATERFRONT PHILIPPINES, INC., Ortigas, Pasig

Member, Board of Directors, 2002 to 2007

WATERFRONT HOTELS & CASINOS (Manila, Cebu, Davao)

Executive Vice-President for Hotel Operations, 2002 to 2005

RECOVERY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, Manila

Member, Board of Directors, 2001

REXLON REALTY INC., Manila
Corporate Secretary, 2001

PACIFIC REHAUS CORP., Manila
Member, Board of Directors, 2001

WESTLAND PACIFIC PROPERTY CORP., Manila
Member, Board of Directors, 2001

WATERFRONT HOTELS & CASINOS (Manila, Cebu, Davao)
Vice-President for Sales & Marketing, 2001 to 2002

WILLIAMS AND CONNELLY, LLP, Washington, DC
Paralegal, January to August 2001

POLITICAL AFFAIRS GROUP, Washington, DC
Intern, January to May 2000

AIR PHILIPPINES INC., Manila
Sales Assistant/Special Projects Coordinator, May 1998

PHILIPPINES ESTATES CORP., Manila
Special Assistant to the President/CEO, March 1997

NOTABLE AWARDS FOR THE CITY DURING HIS 9-YEAR TENURE AS CHIEF EXECUTIVE FROM YEAR 2013 to 2022:

GALING POOK AWARD for Innovations and Excellence in Local Governance
Awarded by: Galing Pook Foundation, Department of the Interior and Local Government - Local Government Academy (DILG-LGA)

1. Education 360 Degrees Investment Program (2015)
2. Disiplina Village: Bagong Bahay, Bagong Buhay (2017)
3. Tayo na, Mapayapang Valenzuela: Valenzuela City's Comprehensive Safety and Security Plan (2018)
4. Valenzuela LIVE Streaming School (2021)
5. Tagalag Fishing Village (2021)
6. Paspas Permit (2021)

MOST BUSINESS-FRIENDLY HIGHLY URBANIZED CITY (2014, 2015, 2019, 2020, and Hall of Fame Award)

Awarded by: Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI)

- Bestowed for being a model city of good and effective governance with the conviction to institute and ensure accountability, transparency and efficiency in operations through continually improved public services that benefit not only the business community but the entire constituency.

SEAL OF GOOD EDUCATION GOVERNANCE (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020)

Awarded by: Synergeia Foundation Inc., USAID, and Smart Communications, Inc.

- Bestowed for the efforts in providing high quality basic education for the Valenzuelano students.

**2017 GAWAD KALASAG (Kalamidad at Sakuna Labanan, Sariling Galing ang Kaligtasan) Search for Excellence in Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) and Humanitarian Assistance
Best in Government Emergency Management (GEMS) – Urban Search and Rescue Category**

Awarded by: Metro Manila Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (MMDRRMC)
Office of the Civil Defense - National Capital Region (OCD-NCR)

- Bestowed for maintaining an outstanding system of operations and facilities in place, which allows rescue personnel to respond at the soonest possible time without jeopardizing both their and the client's safety.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT E-READINESS LEADERSHIP AWARD (2014 & 2017)

Awarded by: Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Department of Science and Technology (DOST), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), and USAID INVEST Project

- Bestowed for pioneering the adoption and strategic use of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) to enhance the delivery of government services, improve revenue collection efforts and promote transparency in government operations.

MOST OUTSTANDING LOCAL CHIEF EXECUTIVE (2018)

National Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO)

- Bestowed for the support and contributions on PNP's efforts in eradicating illegal drugs and crimes.

SEAL OF GOOD LOCAL GOVERNANCE 2016

Awarded by: Department of Interior and Local Government

- Bestowed for complying to the core areas of good local governance such as Financial Administration, Disaster Preparedness, Social Protection with the essential criteria namely, Business-friendliness and Competitiveness, Peace and Order, and Environmental Management

CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES COMPETITIVENESS INDEX 2015, 2019, 2020

8th Place, Highly Urbanized Cities Overall Ranking

Awarded by: National Competitiveness Council

CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES COMPETITIVENESS INDEX 2019

3rd Place, Government Efficiency Pillar, Highly Urbanized Cities Category

Awarded by: National Competitiveness Council

CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES COMPETITIVENESS INDEX 2019

2nd Place, Resilience Pillar, Highly Urbanized Cities Category

Awarded by: National Competitiveness Council

CITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES COMPETITIVENESS INDEX 2019

3rd Place, Most Improved LGU, Highly Urbanized Cities Category

Awarded by: National Competitiveness Council

ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATION

League Of Cities of the Philippines (LCP)

Nationalist People's Coalition (NPC)

CIVIC SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

Valenzuela (Host) Lions Club

Rotary Club of Valenzuela East