

Fidel Gomez Garcia

Director, Corporate & Foundation Relations - University of La Verne

Fidel Gomez serves as the Director, Corporate & Foundation Relations, where he is responsible for strategic engagement amongst corporations and foundations, as well as key stakeholders of the University of La Verne and the community. He represents the University of La Verne's interest in the region, the state and nationally, where he creates and implements a comprehensive approach to highlighting the University's initiatives, vision and mission.

Mr. Gomez previously worked with the Small Business Development Center - LA Network under the College of Business & Public Management hosted by the University of La Verne, where he was responsible for assisting in the delivery of consulting services and workshops to small businesses and entrepreneurs in the San Gabriel Valley region. His work was instrumental in creating an ecosystem and alignment for community, state, federal stakeholders while leading a team of professionals to assist local businesses to start and/or grow and access capital for their businesses.

Prior to joining the University of La Verne Mr. Gomez served and acquired an extensive background in High-end, luxury and Corporate Retail where he provided strategic direction to assist with new store openings, sales, operations and retail management for companies such as; Brooks Brothers, Original Penguin, BCBG, Bloomindale's & C Wonder.

Mr. Gomez is active on economic development, professional and community boards that include and are not limited to: The California Hispanic Chambers of Commerce (CHCC), The Orange County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (OCHCC), and The San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership, the LA Area Chamber of Commerce – One LA Regional Collaborative, ALPFA (Association of Latino Professionals for America) OC Chapter, TELACU Education Foundation, and Bresee Foundation.

Mr. Gomez is a proud TELACU – David C. Lizarraga & Riordan fellow from the Southern California Leadership Network and an active community volunteer. Mr. Gomez was also a founding board member and past VP for the Orange County Youth Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Gomez, is passionate about empowering and working with emerging leaders and youth to create pathways to higher education, economic development and social mobility.

Mr. Gomez grew up in México City where he developed the desire to study and emerge himself in International Business from an early age. Mr. Gomez holds a Bachelor's of Arts (B.A.) in International Business from Cal State University, Fullerton. He also holds an MBA degree with an emphasis in Marketing & International Business from the University of La Verne, College of Business & Public Management.