

Anakarina Rodriguez is an organizer with a strong passion for registering people to vote and ensuring immigrants have a fair and just pathway to citizenship. Her work is strongly informed by her background of being born and raised on the border between Nogales, Arizona and Nogales, Sonora. Service to others is a value that was instilled in Anakarina from a very young age. Growing up in this geographical area, she witnessed her parents take in and house immigrants and provide temporary shelter and food. This was her first example of what it means to serve others and put community first. Being rooted in her faith and her values Anakarina's organizing experience started in her hometown church where she learned how to run programs, train new leadership, and coordinate events. This was the foundation that led her to be a part of Arizona's biggest fights including SB1070, immigration reform, and voting rights. During her organizing career she has had a wide range of experiences from leading constituents services for now Tucson Mayor Romero, running a slate campaign in LD 10, to being Mi Familia Vota's Tucson Coordinator, Phoenix Coordinator and Arizona Field Director. Anakarina the founder of #LatinoforParks where she advocated for the expansion of the Grand Canyon National Monument during the Obama administration. She worked as the Arizona Census Coordinator for the National Association of Lation Elected Officials (NALEO) offering resources, training and support to Arizona elected officials to ensure a fair and accurate count specifically among Latino families and children. Her experiences have led her to now working as Arizona's Civic Engagement Program Manager for National Domestic Workers Alliance and Care in Action. When Anakarina isn't working she spends her time as a dog mom taking long walks at the park, spending time with her family in both Tucson and Nogales, and swimming. Anakarina is also a music lover and loves to go to concerts with friends.