

Ray Sanchez

Ray is a lifelong Manhattanite, committed to public service, born and raised in the Lower East Side, at the Baruch Houses, a New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) complex.

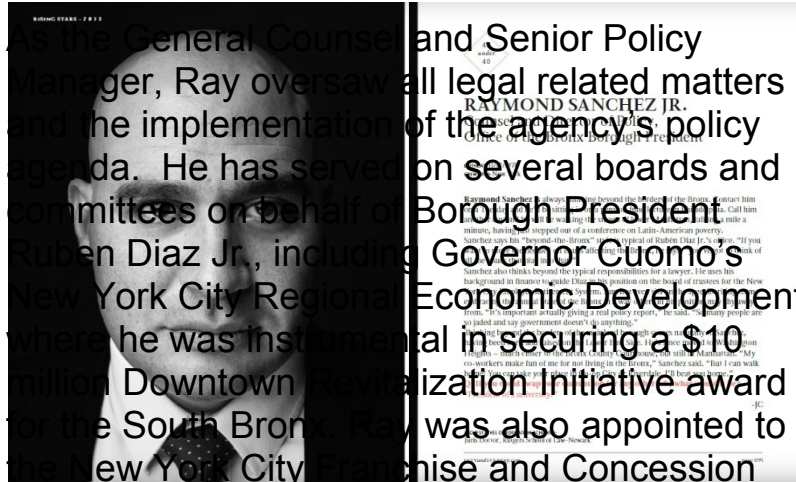
His mother Delfa arrived from Costa Rica as a young adult on a tourist visa eager to work and build a better life. Ray credits his mother for his love for education and was honored to become an adjunct professor at CUNY and support the institution that was essential in uplifting his family.

Ray received his BA from Wesleyan University in government with departmental honors for his thesis work on Latino political incorporation in New York City. He took his enthusiasm for civic engagement from academia to his first job as staff for the historic 2001 mayoral campaign of former Bronx Borough President Fernando Ferrer. Inspired by the campaign trail, Ray then dedicated his work to the empowerment of the Latino community across the country with the Hispanic Federation; an experience that has informed his years of service on various non-profit boards such as the La Unidad Latina Foundation and Arete Education.

While at the Hispanic Federation, Ray suffered a great loss due to the 9/11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center. His father, a carpenter and member of Local Union 2287, tragically lost his life on that day. His loss made his five years as pension trustee to the New York City Retirement System that much more rewarding. Ray leveraged his experience in financial services (Brown Brothers Harriman, New York Life Insurance Company) to oversee investments and corporate governance. He also worked with

his fellow labor trustees to divest from hedge funds that were engaging in predatory actions in regards to Puerto Rico's debt.

City & State Magazine named Ray a 2015 New York City 40 Under 40 Rising Star. In 2016, the Hispanic Coalition NY, also named him one of their 40 Under 40 Rising Stars.



As the General Counsel and Senior Policy Manager, Ray oversaw all legal related matters and the implementation of the agency's policy agenda. He has served on several boards and committees on behalf of Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr., including Governor Cuomo's New York City Regional Economic Development where he was instrumental in securing a \$10 million Downtown Revitalization Initiative award for the South Bronx. Ray was also appointed to the New York City Franchise and Concession Review Committee (FCRC). While on FCRC, he forced the City to renegotiate its agreement to convert pay phones to Wifi kiosks, known as LinkNYC, so they would do install more kiosks in Upper Manhattan and the Bronx earlier in the contract.

Currently, Ray remains committed to the work. As the newly appointed Chief Executive Officer of a homeless services provider Ray has chosen to put the needs of our most vulnerable New Yorkers first.