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Occupation:	I am currently the Chief of Staff in the District 8 office. I also moonlight as a referee of professional soccer.
Education:	Degree in Sustainable Development, Columbia University
Lived in El Paso:	23 years, non-consecutively (1992-2010, 2017-present)
Arrest Record:	No arrest records.
Political Experience:	None.
Current on Taxes:	Yes.

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Why should voters vote for you?

My experience across the public, private, and nonprofit sectors has prepared me to advocate for progressive, people-focused, community-driven public policy that responds to needs of the district and has the power to transform the lives of El Pasoans.

I Am Motivated To Run For Office Because:

I moved back to El Paso because I wanted to make a difference in my hometown and give back to the community that raised me, and I see this as the best way to accomplish that. I want to build an El Paso that works for everyone. (edited, full answer online)

I Admire:

My father, a Mexican immigrant who has worked hard to become a successful small business owner in District 8, and my mother, who works in public education in EPISD schools. Someone else I admire greatly is Beto O'Rourke. (edited, full answer online)

I Will Vote As A Trustee* Or As A Delegate*

**A trustee votes their conscious on public policy. A delegate votes what their constituency wants.*
I'm grateful that, in most cases, the beliefs and desires of the majority of El Pasoans seem to align very well with mine. I believe strongly in governing as a delegate; the very nature of the title of "Representative". (edited, full answer online)

I Will Stay In Touch With My Constituency By:

Transparent government means being available for constituents at every turn. It means making my positions on the issue clear for all to see. It means hosting regular community meetings both in person and with options for people who may not be able to easily leave their homes. (edited, full answer online)

Top Three Issues

1. Street Conditions & Resurfacing.
2. Functional, Beautiful & Accessible Parks
3. Smart City Planning.

The 2012 Multipurpose Cultural Arts & Entertainment Center

I would not support allocating additional funds to the project beyond what was approved by voters in 2012. While the City has already acquired properties within a planned footprint for this project, I would be open to a change of location should the City be able to identify a new location through a good faith effort and there be a way to ensure that the taxpayers are made whole through the sale of those properties to someone with a plan to sensibly and sensitively restore or redevelop them. (abbreviated answer, full answer online).