



Francesca M. Vega

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Francesca Vega began her current appointment as Director of Government and Community Relations at California State University, Northridge in December, 2012. Working as part of the University Advancement team, Francesca facilitates the university's interactions with local, state and federal governments, as well as the university's relationship with the business community, neighboring communities and various other external stakeholder entities.

Francesca has been active in the political and public policy arenas for nearly 20 years in Sacramento and Los Angeles. Strengthening the educational pipeline through access to affordable educational opportunities has been a critical aspect of Francesca's personal interests and professional work in the public policy arena and in public higher education.

Prior to working at Cal State Northridge, Francesca served as an Assistant Director of State Government Relations at UCLA. She began her professional career in the California State Assembly in 2001 and relocated to Los Angeles from Sacramento in 2005 to work with the late Assemblymember Marco Firebaugh. Francesca graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in government and a minor in sociology from California State University, Sacramento.

She is a member of various civic and political organizations including MEND (Meet Each Need with Dignity), Valley Industry & Commerce Association (VICA), Business Federation of Los Angeles County (BizFed), Chicano Latino Youth Leadership Project, and the 33rd California Congressional District Leadership Council. Born and raised in Yuba City, California, Francesca now considers the Westside of Los Angeles her home.