

Sal Alvarez

Sal Alvarez is an executive analyst in the Office of Economic Development's Downtown Management Team focusing on place-making and public space improvements that makes downtown San Jose Silicon Valley's Civic Center. Sal is an experienced collaborator, connector and problem-solver applying his skills for the City of San Jose's community and economic development needs since 2002. For nearly eight years he worked for the San Jose Redevelopment Agency's award-winning Strong Neighborhoods Initiative implementing community plans, priority projects and programs that engaged nearly every city department. He is a two-time *Pride of San Jose* honoree for his work on the Foreclosure Task Force and the Gateway East Sanitary Sewer Project. From 2011 to 2013 he served in the City Manager's Office focused on cardroom regulations and emergency services. In 2014, Sal joined the Office of Economic Development's Downtown Management Team. Sal received his B.A. in Anthropology from UC Santa Cruz in 1995. He earned his Master of Public Administration degree from National University in 2011. Prior to his work with the City of San Jose he was the District Coordinator for California State Assemblywoman Elaine Alquist overseeing all issue areas in the heart of Silicon Valley. Sal is married to his amazing wife, Stacy, who are busy raising three girls of their own! A San Jose native, he grew up on a little ranch in the Evergreen foothills where he now lives in the house his grandparents built in 1971 next door to his parents. Sal gives back to his community as a member of the Evergreen Little League's Board of Directors as a representative for softball. He gives back to his alma mater by serving on the UC Santa Cruz Dean of Social Sciences Board of Councilors.