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**Founding Youth Commissioner 2013-2015**

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I credit my interest in applying my skills to mitigating and planning the built environment to my experience with the Gonzales City Council and the Gonzales Unified School District. Being able to get hands on experience in how city governments work at such a young age, kindled my passion for urban planning and public policy, that ultimately shaped what I wanted to do with my future.

I learned the importance of civic engagement and was able to refine the leadership skills I need to change public policy through my term as a Youth Commissioner. Gonzales being supportive of the ideas that myself and my fellow founding Youth Commissioner Yesenia Camacho had envisioned and proposed, was pivotal in showing that our city supports and prioritizes youth success.

I am eternally grateful for the City of Gonzales for being the supportive catalyst that propelled me into my field of study and ignited my passion for planning and policy. Thanks to "the Gonzales Way" and the support of our city leadership, they paved the way for the success of my future and helped me develop into who I am today.

I may come from a small town, but that has not, and will not stop me from doing big things.

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**Overview of Current Activities:**

- Serving as Vice President of my fraternity - responsible for planning the entirety of the program that my members experience and represent the chapter to the university and to the national organization.
- Working part-time as a Student Manager at my University's on campus pub.
- Interning and shadowing a project manager for Pacific Planning Group based out of Laguna Beach, assisting with planning projects & mock projects to practice what a planner does in the field.

