



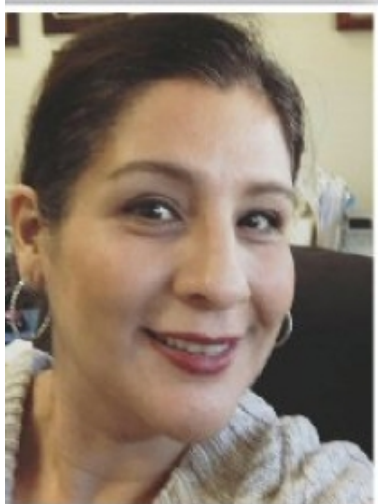
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**Blanca P. López**

Blanca P. López was born in Peru and immigrated to the United States when she was only eight years old. She has a special place in her heart for helping immigrants and persons of low income; her past experiences guided her in becoming an effective and unrelenting advocate for better housing and stronger community services for vulnerable families and individuals.

Ms. López helps to build her community through her work as Director of the Neighborhood Preservation Company (NPC) at Human Development Services of Westchester. Recognized

by HUD, the program serves residents of Port Chester and Westchester County, and provides housing counseling services covering home buying, renting, foreclosures and credit issues.

Ms. López's experience in the social services field transcends the areas of housing, immigration and education. She was a Fellow of the New York Immigration and Social Justice Institute's Immigrant Advocacy Fellowship Program in 2007, and was honored by The Business Council of Westchester as one of "Forty Under Forty Rising Stars" in 2011. She is the first Latina elected to office in the Villages of Port Chester and Rye Brook, proudly serving as a leader in her community.

Outside her professional career, Ms. López serves on the boards of the Council of Community Services of Rye Town, Rye Brook and Port Chester, and the Don Bosco Workers Center. She is a member of the Advisory Board of the Nonprofit Management Program at Manhattanville College, a Commissioner of the Port Chester Housing Authority and a 10-year member of the Kiwanis Club of Port Chester/Rye Brook. Ms. Lopez chairs the Kiwanis Campership Program, sending several children from Port Chester or Rye Brook to sleep away camp for a week each summer.

A resident of Port Chester, Ms. López is the proud mother of Adrianna, Luis James and Daniel. She takes a pride in her work in and in making life worth living – a true woman of distinction.