

Featured Speaker Carla Bustillos President of DLOV

Carla Bustillos is a powerhouse advocate who has played key roles in campaigns at all levels not only across Virginia, but on the national stage. Her work has focused on uplifting the Latino community and lending her voice to the Venezuelan diaspora movement.



Nationally she served as Executive Vice Chair of Venezolanos con Biden, a grassroots group focused on offering a space for dialogue and engagement between the Venezuelan Diaspora and the Biden-Harris campaign. She served on Todos con Biden Leadership Circle in 2020. She is a founding Director of Visión Democrática, a pro-democracy non-profit organization. She is a co-founder and advisory board member of the Venezuelan American Caucus.

In Virginia, Carla has served in leadership advisory roles, co-chair of Todos con Terry in 2021, a DPVA State 2020 Convention Delegate for the 8th Congressional District, and Todos con Terry co-chair in 2021. In 2020 she was elected as Political Action Director for the Democratic Latino Organization of Virginia (Caucus). She served as Regional Co-Chair from Northern Virginia of DLOV in 2018 and 2020. She is a founding board member of Juntos por Virginia, an organization dedicated to building Latino political resilience, power, and representation so that our community's diverse voices, values, and concerns are reflected in elected and appointed offices throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Carla actively contributed to the election of historic firsts for Virginia such as Delegate Elizabeth Guzman and Hala Ayala, the first Latino council member in the City of Alexandria, Canek Aguirre, and in the City of Herndon, Cesar del Águila. She also contributed to the re-election of Latino community champions like Councilman Fernando “Marty” Martinez, Delegate Alfonso Lopez, and Senator Tim Kaine.

Prior to this work, Carla held roles at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, the Government of the District of Columbia, and has supported the U.S. Federal Government in consulting roles for the NAVY and the Department of Health and Human Services.

A mother of three, sister of four, and spouse of an Air Force veteran she is a tireless advocate por la democracia.