

Why is Mercedes Marquez so interested in Galveston?



GHA picks master developer

June 22, 2011

“The board of commissioners of the Galveston Housing Authority voted Tuesday to select **McCormack Baron Salazar Inc.** as the master developer to oversee the rebuilding of most of the island’s public housing.”

<http://galvestondailynews.com/story/239674>

President Obama Nominates Mercedes Márquez To Be HUD Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development

20 April 2009

“In the private sector, **Ms. Márquez worked for McCormack Baron Salazar, Inc.**, a nationwide housing development firm, and was a

partner at Litt & Márquez, where she practiced public interest litigation.”

<http://www.scanph.org/node/862>

She returned to public service after serving as **Vice-President of McCormack Baron Salazar, Inc.**, a national firm specializing in the development, consultation, and management of urban communities. Márquez oversaw developments throughout the Southwest and California, which included initiating new developments, coordinating the planning process, acting as liaison with joint venture partners, and interfacing with government officials and local community groups.

[http://www.hud.gov/utilities/print/print2.cfm?page=80\\$^@http%3A%2F%2Fwww.hud.gov%2Foffices%2Fcpd%2Fabout%2Fstaff%2Fbios%2Fmarquez.cfm&portnum=80](http://www.hud.gov/utilities/print/print2.cfm?page=80$^@http%3A%2F%2Fwww.hud.gov%2Foffices%2Fcpd%2Fabout%2Fstaff%2Fbios%2Fmarquez.cfm&portnum=80)

GHA Board Meeting

13 July 2010

“Ms. Marquez is going to bring a matrix of benefits that GHA might be able to access. **She looks at Galveston as her “little brother,”** which is also reflected in the **specific set aside for CDBG funding has for GHA of \$50 million** and \$20 million for Section 8 rehabilitation. All in all, **Galveston is on their map.”**

http://www.ghatx.org/Documents/BOC%20Minutes_7132010.pdf