



Houston Department of
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Speaker Biography



Ben Mendez
Founder and President
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Ben Mendez is founder and president of PMG Project Management Group, LLC. PMG provides energy management, design/construction management, data management, and financial management services.

Mendez has more than 17 years of experience in the energy, architectural, engineering, and construction industries, with special expertise in managing, budgeting, and program/policy development. Mendez began his professional career as an aide to former Houston City Councilman, Ben T. Reyes. He then taught Math at Austin High School, Houston Community College, and the University of Houston. Prior to starting PMG, Mendez managed the Design and Construction Division of the Houston Police Department, where he managed the City's highest profile projects.

As a consultant, Mendez served as the Data Manager for Houston's Joint Hurricane Housing Task Force, which was responsible for housing 34,000 Katrina evacuee families from New Orleans, LA after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. This housing program is now the largest in the country. Mendez also developed and managed the City of Houston's 5-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and served as the point of contact for all departments for \$4.5 billion spent on new construction and renovation of City facilities. Recently, Mendez was named the Houston Independent School District's first CIP Manager and will develop and manage a 5-year CIP for the school district totaling \$1.2 billion to be used for the construction of new schools.

Mendez serves on numerous boards, including the American Red Cross. Mendez founded the National Hispanic Professional Organization (NHPO), a national networking organization. In addition, he founded the NHPO Leadership Institute, a program designed to assist individuals in becoming effective board members for non-profit organizations. Recently, Mendez was elected as chair-elect for the Texas Association of Mexican American Chambers of Commerce (TAMACC). Mendez serves as a television host for Latino Talk TV, a community based live television show.

Mendez holds a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and Teacher's Certificate from the University of Houston.

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