



Rolando Fernandez Jr. currently serves as the Assistant Director for the Contract Management Department for the City of Austin, Texas. In this capacity, he provides executive support to the department Director and leadership and management to four divisions consisting of 43 team members (\$4.3M budget). Additionally, Rolando responsible for the procurement and management of contracts for all Austin capital improvement projects in accordance with City and State statute and policies. Prior to his current position, Rolando worked in the City Manager's Office as the Assistant to the City Manager and as an Assistant to two Assistant City Managers. Rolando places a high value in making consistent and comprehensive decisions in a timely manner, providing clear and upfront communication, exemplifying and expecting a can-do-attitude, and developing and sustaining a team approach to getting things done. Additionally, Rolando served as an Aerospace Physiologist in the United States Air Force; serving as a Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge of Operations within the School of Aerospace Physiology. He provided leadership to numerous airmen and was deployed in support of reconnaissance missions in the Korean Peninsula, Southwest Asia and Mediterranean theaters of operation.

Rolando earned an MPA with Distinguished Graduate Honors (3.9 GPA) from St. Mary's University, San Antonio Texas, while serving full-time in the U.S. Air Force. He also received a BA (double major in Criminal Justice and Psychological studies) from Wayland Baptist University, in San Antonio Texas.

Rolando enjoys spending time with his wife Helen, and his daughters Natalie (10) and Olivia (11 months). Rolando serves as a Youth Leader at his Church, Board Member for the Seedling's Promise, has been a 5 year mentor, and enjoys reading and outdoors sports.