

# Anthony Joel Quezada

Seeking to serve as Chicago's next 35th Ward Alderman.

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## Professional summary

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Anthony is a dedicated public servant and community organizer with over 9 years of working in government and grassroots organizing, known for uniting working-class coalitions to drive progressive change and legislative reforms. As a Cook County Commissioner, Anthony led important legislation and budget initiatives including securing significant funds for infrastructure and health services, and advancing workers' rights and property tax fairness. Anthony is eager to continue modeling responsive, effective and progressive good governance as Chicago's next 35th Ward Alderman.

## Professional History

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### Commissioner, Dec 2022 - Present

*Cook County Board of Commissioners, 8th District, Cook County*

Elected in 2022 with the support of a broad coalition of progressive elected officials, independent political organizations, community leaders, and labor unions. Anthony has led impactful legislative reforms and budgetary appropriations, including:

- **Expanding Workers' Rights:** Introduced and passed Cook County's Paid Leave Ordinance, ensuring thousands of workers have the right to paid time off.
- **Securing Infrastructure Investments:** Secured \$1.5 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for critical infrastructure improvements on Fullerton Avenue.
- **Strengthening Public Health Services:** Secured funding to expand dental health services across Cook County Health, including at the Belmont Cragin Health Center.
- **Expanding Public Health Jobs:** Introduced and passed a resolution to reduce the Cook County Health System's reliance on temporary staffing agencies while prioritizing permanent employees.
- **Protecting Immigrant Rights:** Expanded the Cook County Public Defender's scope to provide legal representation for undocumented residents in immigration court beyond Chicago.
- **Promoting Economic Fairness:** Introduced and passed a resolution supporting statewide One Fair Wage legislation, advocating for higher wages for service workers by eliminating the poverty sub-minimum wage.
- **Ensuring Property Tax Fairness:** Pushed for more transparency and predictability in the property tax system through a sales ratio study for commercial real estate properties.
- **Organized dozens of community outreach events to connect thousands of residents to county services and programs** like property reassessment appeal workshops, job fairs, back-to-school fairs, and health fairs across Logan Square, Humboldt Park, Avondale, Irving Park, Hermosa, Belmont Cragin, Portage Park, and Dunning.
- **Built coalitions and partnerships** with community-based organizations, elected officials, and worker centers to address constituent needs.
- **Vice Chair of Cook County's Committees on Labor and Contract Compliance.**

Learn more at: [www.commissionerquezada.org](http://www.commissionerquezada.org) (*government*) [www.anthonymforcookcounty.org](http://www.anthonymforcookcounty.org) (*political*)

### Constituent Service Director, Jul 2016 - Dec 2022

*Office of Alderman Carlos Ramirez-Rosa, 35th Ward, Chicago*

- Spearheaded constituent services and community outreach for the 35th Ward office for over six years.
- Resolved thousands of city service requests and community concerns regarding infrastructure maintenance, projects, and public safety.
- Coordinated with various city departments and utility companies to streamline service delivery for residents.
- Organized hundreds of community outreach events.
- Oversaw the completion of hundreds of infrastructure improvement projects across the 35th Ward.
- Developed and maintained a comprehensive case management system to improve response times, resident access, city service efficiency, and accountability.
- Analyzed community feedback patterns to identify recurring issues, implementing strategic solutions for long-term neighborhood improvements.

## **Community and Political Organizer, Jan 2016 - Present**

*United Neighbors of the 35th Ward, 35th Ward, Chicago*

- Organized neighbors and built coalitions to uplift and address community needs like building affordable housing, defending families from deportations, providing services and housing for people experiencing homelessness, supporting tenants unions, and supporting neighborhood schools.
- Helped lead electoral campaigns in the 35th ward and across Chicago's northwest side for progressive community candidates.
- Coordinated and led neighborhood outreach initiatives to civically engage neighbors and businesses and foster partnerships to drive positive neighborhood changes.
- Helped lead the 2018 non-binding rent control referendum in the 35th ward, which passed with 72% support.

## **35th Ward Democratic Committeeperson, Mar 2020 - Jul 2022**

*Cook County Democratic Party, 35th Ward, Chicago*

- Established the first-ever Policy Committee for the Cook County Democratic Party.
- Passed resolutions in support of an elected representative school board for Chicago and called on President Biden to continue issuing COVID stimulus checks to working-class families impacted by the pandemic.
- Appointed former State Senator Cristina Pacione-Zayas and helped establish the first grassroots "peoples appointment process" for legislative vacancies on the northwest side of Chicago.

## **Education**

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*Goethe Elementary School, Chicago, IL*

*Lane Tech High School, Chicago, IL*

### **Edgar Fellows Program**

*University of Illinois, Institute of Government and Public Affairs, Champaign, IL*

Five-day executive leadership training program.

## **Languages**

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English (*Native*), Spanish (*Proficient*).

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## EDUCATION

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2006 – 2009	<b>University of Chicago Law School</b> Juris Doctorate Class of 2009	Chicago, IL
2001- 2004	<b>University of Illinois</b> B.A., Political Science	Champaign, IL

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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2021 – Present	<b>iVIK Holdings Ltd.</b>	Chicago, IL
<i>Chief Executive Officer/Founder/Director</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Elected by Board of Directors to serve as Chief Executive Officer as replacement for outgoing CEO. Board members include directors and general counsel of leading Chicago based investment firms.</li><li>• Responsible for raising + CAD \$27 million in private and institutional capital to include complex structured debt finance transactions with security in multiple international jurisdictions.</li><li>• Led Company to secure first fully vertically integrated USDA Organic certified producer in Colombia</li><li>• Led Company to become first Colombian exporter of full-spectrum, Farm-Bill-compliant CBD products into the United States.</li><li>• Led company to become one of the few permitted to export controlled psychoactive cannabis products internationally from Colombia to Australia and Europe.</li><li>• Led complex international consortium of companies from inception to revenue generation in highly regulated industry across multiple jurisdictions.</li></ul>		
2018 – 2021	<b>iVIK Holdings Ltd.</b>	Toronto, ON
<i>Chief Operating Officer/Founder/Director</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Co-founded multinational cannabis consortium with operations in US, Canada, Colombia and Australia.</li><li>• Responsible for overseeing operations for parent company and subsidiary companies in multiple jurisdictions across the world.</li><li>• Successfully lead Colombian subsidiary, NuSierra, as CEO obtaining all required licenses and operational permits and construction of several highly regulated certified facilities becoming one of the leading companies in the Colombian cannabis space.</li><li>• Assisted CEO in raising + CAD \$21million in private and institutional capital.</li><li>• Responsible for overseeing diverse multinational operational team across four continents.</li></ul>		
2017 – 2018	<b>Franklin Labs LLC</b>	Philadelphia, PA
<i>Chief Executive Officer</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lead one of twelve large-scale, highly-regulated commercial medical cannabis cultivation facilities in the state of Pennsylvania and became the third cultivator to achieve full operational certification.</li><li>• Responsible for the design and construction of a \$15 million in-door medical cultivation and processing facility.</li><li>• Led company through rigorous regulatory operational licensing and certification process administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Health within 60 days of assuming role as Chief Executive Officer.</li><li>• Responsible for overseeing all parts of company’s regulatory compliance scheme.</li><li>• Negotiated research collaboration agreements with premier medical research institutions including The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia and Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine.</li></ul>		
2013 – 2022	<b>Starchup Inc.</b>	Philadelphia, PA
<i>Chief Executive Officer (2014-2015) /Founder/Director (Present)</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Conceived, founded and launched a web and mobile based SaaS platform aimed at giving local laundry businesses the ability to provide pickup and delivery services to their customers via mobile app.</li><li>• Successfully raised ~ \$500,000 of investor capital from several private and professional Angel organizations.</li><li>• Led company from concept to revenue generating platform in under a year.</li></ul>		

- Built and launched Tide Spin mobile app for Proctor & Gamble's Tide brand to allow on-demand laundry pickup and delivery for several thousand customers in a major US urban market.
- Responsible for creating over a dozen high-paying tech jobs in Chicago and throughout the US.
- Company sold to Venture Capital backed competitor.

2010 - 2013

**Conformal Systems LLC**

Chicago, IL

*Chief Operating Officer & General Counsel*

- Helped develop company from a three person startup to a going concern that released several open source software security and cryptocurrency products including CoINvoice, the first fiat-to-bitcoin / bitcoin-to-fiat invoicing exchange in the world.
- Responsible for the management and deployment of Conformal's product development, marketing, sales, customer service and human resources teams.
- Acted as chief legal officer; oversaw company's intellectual property catalog, including the successful issuance of a patent; assured the company's regulatory compliance; managed several law firms over a variety of complex legal matters.
- Managed development teams and independent contractors across several countries including the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, Iceland and the Netherlands.

2009-2010

**Latham & Watkins LLP**

London, England

*Associate*

- Responsible for the diligence, regulatory compliance and deal management functions associated with the issuance of corporate debt-backed securities for transactions valued in the billions of Dollars / Euros / Pounds Sterling.
- Represented Lead Underwriters in leverage finance transactions totaling hundreds of billions of dollars
- Managed and coordinated activities for cross-border deals involving several law firms, banks, accounting firms, and large enterprises from various European/Asian nations.

2005 – 2006

**United States Army**

Baghdad/Anbar, Iraq

*Infantryman, Recon (Sniper) 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion 130<sup>th</sup> Infantry*

- Planned, prepared, and directed missions involving complex planning, multi-unit coordination and target selection, acquisition and engagement.
- Responsible for recovering and disseminating essential battlefield information directly to unit commanders and military and civilian intelligence personnel.
- Carried out numerous foot, mounted and helicopter patrols in and around Baghdad and the Anbar Province.

2002

**United States Army**

Mannheim, Germany

*Infantryman & Force Protection Specialist (deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom)*

- Acted as a liaison between German private security firm, civilian employees and American military personnel in support of operation Enduring Freedom in Europe.
- Responsible for the security of various mission-critical military assets and personnel.

1999-2001

**United States Army**

Ft. Benning, GA

*Cavalry Scout 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade 3<sup>rd</sup> ID*

- Mounted forward reconnaissance specialist part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion 69<sup>th</sup> Armored Regiment, 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division.
- Responsible for the security, maintenance and deployment of several million dollars-worth of US tactical equipment and the management of lower enlisted personnel.
- Won first place in 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade Spur Ride earning my set of US Calvary Spurs.

## **LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES**

2024 - Present

**VFW Post #2978**

Chicago, IL

*Veterans Service Officer*

- Provide guidance and support to veterans in need seeking to access benefits and resources
- Coordinate community outreach and service efforts for the Post's members.

- 2008-2009 **VoteVets.org** Chicago, IL  
*Illinois State Captain*
- Director of operations and head of media relations for organization's activities in the state of Illinois.
  - Lobbied US Congress and Senate to promote the enactment of the American Clean Energy and Security Act and repeal of Don't Ask Don't Tell.
- 2008-2009 **Mandel Legal Aid Clinic** Chicago, IL
- Member of The Exoneration Project which provides legal aid to wrongfully convicted police torture victims.
  - Represented several wrongfully convicted clients in the post-conviction appeals for new trials.
- 2007-2008 **Hinton Moot Court** Chicago, IL
- Awarded Thomas R. Mulroy Prize for excellence in Appellate Advocacy.
- 2006-2007 **Latino Law Student Association** Chicago, IL  
*Class Representative*
- Responsible for coordinating and leading general meetings and coordinating speaking events.
- 2001- 2004 **Delta Tau Delta Fraternity** Champaign, IL  
*President (2003)*
- Chief executive officer of a 138-member nonprofit organization.
  - Responsible for allocation of a \$450,000 annual budget.
- 2001-2004 **University of Illinois Pre-Law Club** Champaign, IL  
*President (2003-2004)*
- Supervised and coordinated activities of 15-member executive board.
  - Led organization in all of its operations including general meetings for 200+ member organization.

#### **AWARDS/HONORS**

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Ruth Wyatt Rosenson Scholarship Recipient (University of Chicago), Sidley Austin Minority Student Scholarship, Hinton Moot Court - Semi Finalist, United States Army Cavalry Scout School Honor Graduate, Recipient: Combat Infantryman Badge, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Iraqi Campaign Ribbon, Army Commendation medal (x2), Army Achievement Medal (x2), German Army Proficiency Badge (Gold), German Marksmanship Badge, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, Minority Student Affairs Academic Award, Delta Tau Delta Honor Initiate, member Phi Alpha Delta pre-law honor society.

#### **BOARDS OF DIRECTORS**

Starchup Inc. (2014 – 2022), iVIK Holdings Ltd. (2018 – Present), American Fiber Company (2018 – Present)

#### **LANGUAGES**

Department of Defense Language Aptitude Battery Rating (2000):

**Spanish - Fluent French - Technically Proficient**