

## Marco A. López, Jr.

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Marco A. López Jr. is CEO of IntermeStic Partners and IntermeStic Capital, two companies advancing cross-border investment, economic diplomacy, and reputation strategy across the Americas. Through IntermeStic Capital, Marco leads innovative investment initiatives, including EB-5 projects that provide international investors a pathway to U.S. residency while fueling job creation and growth in American communities. His leadership on nearshoring and U.S.-Mexico supply chain integration positions him at the forefront of transforming regional economic dynamics—especially in critical sectors like semiconductors, energy, and logistics.



Marco's public service career began when he became one of the youngest mayors in U.S. history at 21, leading his hometown of Nogales, Arizona. He later served as Director of the Arizona Department of Commerce, strengthening the state's trade profile, and as Chief of Staff at U.S. Customs and Border Protection, where he managed a \$13 billion budget and oversaw more than 60,000 personnel under President Obama.

In 2021, Marco ran for governor of Arizona to continue championing the Promise of Arizona—a belief rooted in his migrant family's story that hard work and respect should open doors for everyone. Though the campaign didn't result in elected office, it reinforced Marco's lifelong commitment to expanding opportunity for all.

As a private sector leader, Marco's efforts have helped bring high-speed internet to over a million low-income families and are on track to create 16,000 jobs in Arizona. He also serves as a Senior Advisor to the Carlos Slim Foundation, where he advances digital inclusion, vocational training, and economic empowerment initiatives across the U.S.

Marco is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, The Nature Conservancy's Conservation & Public Policy Committee, and the U.S. Department of Commerce Arizona District Export Council. Whether supporting policy innovation, economic development, or next-generation infrastructure, Marco continues to drive impact through his trusted leadership, international perspective, and deep binational relationships.

