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Marcelino Garcia is an attorney with expertise in local and international governments, healthcare and community affairs. He is a public servant who has spent years helping people address their legal difficulties through his public interest law work. He also works to bring resources to communities to ensure their economic and health development. Marcelino is the Director of Community Affairs for Cook County Health, the nation's third largest public health system. He is also a Partner with Overseas Strategies, LLC an international business development consulting firm that helps small and medium sized companies with the logistics of import/export and market development.

Marcelino is devoted to public service having worked in leadership roles at not-for-profits and governmental entities. Through his legal work at the Chicago Legal Clinic, he was able to help clients deal with mortgage foreclosures, domestic relations, bankruptcy, and immigration matters. As a legislative liaison at the Chicago Park District, he witnessed first-hand the harmful effects that water can have on communities' health when not treated properly. He understands the value of conservation and preserving resources and the environment.

Marcelino worked with management and budgets at the State of Illinois to ensure that entities run properly and to avoid waste. He has many years of international business development experience having worked as Senior Manager of International Relations for Chicago 2016, the Olympic Candidacy Committee and as Assistant Managing Director of the Illinois Office of Trade and Investment where he worked with Illinois companies looking to export to new markets in the Americas, Africa and the Middle East. Marcelino was honored by Crains Chicago Business as a 2024 Notable Latino Leader.

Marcelino is a licensed attorney in the State of Illinois and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. He earned his J.D. from Northwestern University and his Bachelor's Degree from Dartmouth College. He is fluent in English and Spanish and is proficient in French, Italian, and Portuguese. He is an avid skier, swimmer and gourmand and enjoys interacting with people from all over the world.