



# CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No: 31128

## RESOLUTION

R135 - 2025

*Introduced by the Administration on October 1, 2025*

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Authorities, Boards, Commissions Appointments

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### ***Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That***

City Council does hereby give advice and consent to the following appointment to the Human Relations Commission submitted to this Council by Mayor Matt Tuerk.

#### **HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION**

Krissi Echevarria

**Term Expiration: 9/18/2027**

	Yea	Nay
Candida Affa	X	
Ce-Ce Gerlach	X	
Cynthia Y. Mota	X	
Santo Napoli	X	
Natalie Santos	X	
Ed Zucal	X	
Daryl Hendricks, President	X	
TOTAL	7	0

***THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That the above copy of Resolution No. 31128 was adopted by the City Council of Allentown on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2025, and is on file in the City Clerk's Office.***



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***City Clerk***



**MATT TUERK**  
**MAYOR**

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**TO:** Michael Hanlon  
City Clerk

**FROM:** Matt Tuerk  
Mayor

**DATE:** September 9, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Authorities, Boards, Commissions Appointments

Mayor Tuerk has approved the following appointments for City Council's consideration.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Authority/Board/Commission</u>	<u>Term to Expire</u>
Michael Daigle	Human Relations Commission	9/18/2028
Craig Beavers	Human Relations Commission	9/18/2028
Travis Bonney	Human Relations Commission	9/18/2028
Krissi Echevarria	Human Relations Commission	9/18/2027
Nikayah Hill	Human Relations Commission	9/18/2027
Arundhati Khanwalkar	Human Relations Commission	9/18/2026
Jose Rivera	Human Relations Commission	9/18/2026

All will be filling vacant seats on the Commission. Their resumes are attached.

# Krissi Echevarria

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## EXPERIENCE

### LINC, Bethlehem, PA- Inclusion and Community Engagement Manager

April 2023 - Present

- Organize quarterly DEI Roundtables and various community events, managing logistics, speaker communications, and creating engaging materials to enhance participant experience and engagement for up to 400 professionals annually.
- Develop systems for tracking DEI metrics and summarizing survey data to inform strategic decisions, ensuring continuous improvement of DEI initiatives and resource accessibility through regular updates to the DEI Resource Portal.
- Facilitate onboarding and retention of DEI Community Members while establishing strategic relationships with organizations and underrepresented groups, enhancing collaboration and expanding the DEI network

### LINC, Bethlehem, PA—Community Transition Specialist

July 2022 - September 2023

- Identify and manage networks of resources and connections for clients
- Design and facilitate webinars and events for groups of early career professionals and educate on essential community transition information
- Maintain DEI communications related to community membership, monitor DEI Roundtable attendance and registration, update DEI Portal via WordPress software

### Sacred Heart Regional School, Allentown, PA—Long-term Substitute, Grades 6–8

November 2020 - June 2021

- Create weekly lesson plans for reading and social studies and adapt lesson plans to the various needs of students in multiple learning groups.
- Maintain classroom environment including inventory of classroom supplies and safety of students
- Collaborate with school staff and administrators weekly, to assess and communicate the needs of students; adapt lesson plans as needed.

### University of California, Berkeley, CA — Course Assistant: *Ethnic Studies 198: Demystifying the Research Process: Decolonizing Methods in Academic Research*

August 2018 - May 2019

- Advise students on academic research methods including securing grant and fellowship funding, qualitative and quantitative analysis methods, Institutional Review Board protocol, and development of theoretical frameworks with consideration to Critical Race Theory and Critical Pedagogy
- Co-facilitate class meetings, student schedules, guest speakers, and one-on-one student advising meetings

## EDUCATION

### University of California, Berkeley — B.A. Social Welfare

#### *Minor: Education (2020)*

**Relevant Courses:** Critical Studies in Educations; Language, Race, and Education, Sociology of Education, Introductory Statistics, Fundraising for Social Change, Introduction to Policy Analysis, Social Policy, Social Welfare Policy

**Thesis Title:** "Promoting Literacy: The Role of School Social Workers"

**Publications:** Echevarria, K.R., 2021. A Generation in Uprising? How Dystopian Literature Impacts Young Adults. The Berkeley McNair Research Journal, Vol. 27, 19-35.

## AWARDS

Regents and Chancellor Scholar  
McNair Research Scholar  
Center for Race and Gender Research Grant Recipient  
Regents and Chancellor's Research Fellow  
Kruttschnitt Aspire Scholar

## Additional

**Bridging Differences Certificate**  
UC Berkeley - In progress  
**Sister City Patillas, PR Committee Member**  
City of Bethlehem, 2024