

Laura Patiño
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Bio

Laura Patiño, a native Colombian, is the Chief Resilience Officer for the City of San Antonio. As the CRO, Laura leads the development and implementation of city-wide resilience efforts which will help our communities equitably prepare to, bounce back from, and withstand shocks - natural and human-driven disasters – and stresses – vulnerabilities that afflict our communities on an every-day basis.

Prior to her role in San Antonio, Laura served as the Chief Resilience Officer for the City of Austin, where she developed and comprehensive resilience framework, One Austin, created grant programs to enhance community organizations capacity before, during, and after disasters, and implemented a resilience hubs program. Prior to Austin, Laura served the City of Houston for four years, focusing on Harvey Recovery efforts, the Resilient Houston strategy, Houston's Climate Action Plan.

Laura has a background in environmental engineering with a focus on integrated bioresources and water resources management. In the engineering field, she has contributed to the private, academic, and government sectors advancing environmental justice and remediation, climate mitigation and adaptation, and disaster recovery research, projects and programs.

Laura earned her Master's Degree from McGill University in Montreal, Canada and her Bachelor's Degree from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. She is a contributing author to the Fifth National Climate Assessment, serves in multiple task forces and advisory council across Texas and the U.S., and was named a GreenBiz 30 under 30 honoree. Though she was born in Colombia, Laura has called Texas home for over 6 years, and now lives in San Antonio with her spouse, daughter, and dog. Together, they enjoy the outdoors – cycling, camping, and water sports - and share a passion for environmental conservation.