



**José C. Feliciano, Jr.**

José C. Feliciano, Jr. serves as an Intergovernmental Affairs Officer for the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA), where he leads government relations, legislative advocacy, and stakeholder engagement at the federal, state, and local levels. In this role, he works to shape transit and transportation policy that strengthens mobility, expands opportunity, and supports public investment in Greater Cleveland.

Beyond his role at GCRTA, José stays actively involved in organizations that help shape public policy, strengthen public transportation, and serve the Latino community. He currently serves as Board Secretary of the Hispanic Roundtable, a Commissioner on the Ohio Commission on Hispanic Latino Affairs (OCHLA), co-chair of the Legislative Committee of the Ohio Public Transit Association (OPTA), and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Greater Ohio Policy Center. He has also been active in Latinos In Transit (LIT), where he served on the Board of Directors and helped advance professional development opportunities for Latino transit professionals.

José's involvement in the Latino community extends across both his professional and volunteer activities. He has served on the executive committee of Convención Hispana since 2007. He was part of the founding team that launched Engage! Cleveland and has served as a board and committee member. He also helped establish Latino employee resource groups at both Bank of America and GCRTA, including HOLA and Latinos Unidos. As co-chair of Latinos Unidos, he works to create opportunities for employees to connect, develop as leaders, and celebrate Latino culture in the workplace.

A committed lifelong learner, José is an alumnus of Cleveland Bridge Builders (2008), LeadDiversity (2010), the FBI Citizens Academy (2012), and the GCRTA Management Development Program (2016). He is a graduate of Cleveland State University's Leadership Academy (Cohort #32) and Public Management Academy, holds the Ohio Certified Public Manager (CPM) designation, and is a graduate of the Eno Center for Transportation's Transportation Mid-Manager Program. He is currently a member of the Latinos In Transit Leadership Academy's Making of an Executive cohort.

Outside of work, José enjoys cooking, traveling, and spending time with his wife, Kelly, and their two sons, Mateo and Luca.

## **Awards and Honors**

- 2023 – Crain’s Cleveland Business Notable Latino Leaders
- 2020 – 100+ Latinos Cleveland Must Know
- 2015 – Crain’s Cleveland Business Forty Under 40
- 2014 – Most Interesting Clevelanders, Cleveland Magazine
- 2011 – Distinguished Hispanic Ohioan
- 2011 – One to Watch, Inside Business Magazine
- 2011 – Top 25 Movers & Shakers in Northeast Ohio Under 35