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#### **Rudy Lopez** **Director of Politics**

Rudy Lopez is Director of Politics at the Center for Community Change. He previously served as National Field Director of Wellstone Action, where he trained thousands throughout the country to manage campaigns and run for public office. Additionally, he has served as National Field Director of the Chicago-based U.S. Hispanic Leadership Institute, overseeing regional offices in Chicago, Kansas City, Orlando and Philadelphia. He was also a community organizer with the Gamaliel affiliate of the Metropolitan Alliance of Congregations in Chicago, where he worked with Latino grassroots leaders to fight for social justice issues.

Rudy has also worked on dozens of partisan campaigns at the local, state and federal level. He was Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee's Rhode Island director for GOTV in the November 2006 elections. He has worked on the staff of Congressman Peter Visclosky (D-IN) and served as Midwest Field Director for the Midwest/Northeast Voter Registration and Education Project.

Working with grassroots organizations, Rudy helps to organize non-partisan electoral campaigns to lift the power and voice of low-income communities and people of color. Rudy is also an expert in Redistricting, and has drawn hundreds of maps for disenfranchised groups around the country.

Rudy is co-author and technical advisor of the 2002 and 2004 *Almanac of Latino Politics*. He holds a B.A. degree in Political Science from Indiana University. Rudy is a resident of East Chicago, Indiana, where he was born and raised.