

Samantha Tavares

Immediate Past President / Executive Committee

Bold, creative, and inclusive. Those are just a few words to describe Samantha Tavares, a Special Projects Administrator in the City of Phoenix's City Manager's Office whose current duties include managing \$396 million American Rescue Plan Act funds comprising of 66 programs across 20 plus city departments. She served on the board of directors for the Phoenix Hispanic Network, a chapter of LGHN, from 2014 to June 2022, closing her tenure as president. She is the current president-elect for LGHN and will take on her president role at LGHN's membership meeting this November 2022.

Prior to joining the City of Phoenix, Sam studied International Relations and Portuguese at the University of California, Davis and received her Master's Degree in Public Administration from San Jose State University. She has also worked for the cities of Mountain View and Campbell located in California, as well as with a nonprofit focused on providing service to adults with developmental disabilities.

A simple passion of wanting to help those in need, she believes it is important to give more than you take in this life and to always be willing to learn. When she is not nerding out about local government, she is likely doing some outdoorsy thing, cuddling up with a good book, or playing with her German Shepherd, Korr