

Joyce Martinez

Joyce began her career in Animal Welfare in 2020, amidst the pandemic. She had been in the education/nonprofit field for 14 years in varying operation and resource management roles. In early January of 2020 she decided to take a risk and follow her passion to work in the animal welfare field. That risk collided with the pandemic, and finding a job proved difficult, but thankfully she joined the San Gabriel Valley Humane Society in August of 2020. Joyce has been able to use her experience in operations and non-profit work to successfully transition into this new field.

Joyce obtained her bachelor's degree from Cal State Northridge with a BA in Sociology, and completed coursework in nonprofit management, in the Master's in Public Administration program, that focused on nonprofits at CSUN. Joyce has implemented many ideas started during her time working in education and in after-school programming that focus on enrichment activities for animals at the shelter. Joyce hopes to continue her work at San Gabriel Valley Humane Society and continue the legacy of its founder and one day become director.

In her spare time, Joyce spends her time with her dog and cat (both rescues), her family, and her nephew who she is obsessed with.