

JEFFREY SÁNCHEZ



Born in the Washington Heights section of New York City, Jeffrey Sánchez came to Boston as a small child with his mother Maria and sister Marlene to the community he currently represents in the Massachusetts House of Representatives.

He proudly discusses his growing up in the Mission Main – a formerly dilapidated HUD regulated housing development. A graduate of the Boston Public Schools, Jeffrey's experience includes his work as an investment banker, and as a residential counselor in an overnight shelter for youth in San Diego, California. He also served in various capacities for the City of Boston. He served as Community Liaison to the Jamaica Plain and Mission Hill neighborhoods and the Hispanic community citywide for the Mayor, as Director of Boston Census 2000, and as Director of Planning at the Hispanic Office of Planning and Evaluation. He also served as a consultant to the Superintendent of the Boston Public Schools.

As State Representative Jeffrey's work and interests are widespread. He focuses his efforts in seeking to address immediate challenges and shortcomings for those people who are disengaged and disenfranchised from government and their community. Jeffrey looks at his work holistically, from potholes to street lights to employment and educational opportunities for those who most are most in need. Constantly seeking innovative approaches to his community's most pressing concerns, Jeffrey is consistently engaged in seeking opportunities on behalf of his community within the paradigm of institutional expansion in Boston's world renowned Longwood Medical area.

Jeffrey's legislative efforts include advocating for the creation of a statewide employer health care beneficiary report, which would help track employer usage of public health care resources in Massachusetts. He has also has worked to set up a statewide asthma registry system, and has fought for increased funding for summer jobs for youth. As an advocate for the elderly, Jeffrey worked to preserve Prescription Advantage, one of the nation's most successful senior pharmacy programs. He also worked to ensure that the state's recently passed economic stimulus package contained adequate funding for workforce development and job creation.

He lives in Jamaica Plain with his wife, Brenda.