

## Raul “Danny” Vargas

President & Founder of VARCom Solutions, LLC

Raul “Danny” Vargas is a noted business and community leader, accomplished media commentator, and marketing/public relations professional. A product of the mean streets of New York City, he has created opportunities, overcome challenges and beaten the odds all his life. He has made a mark not only in business but in the community, as well. Danny is a proud US Air Force intelligence veteran, serving seven years on active duty.

Danny is the founder and president of VARCom Solutions, a nationally-recognized, award-winning marketing communications, technology and management consulting firm based in the Washington, DC area. He is a regular media commentator in both English and Spanish, appearing on Fox News, CNN, MSNBC, Univision, Telemundo, and many more and has penned op-eds for *The Wall Street Journal*, NBC, and others.

A proven corporate executive, Danny was an executive at AOL, France Telecom, Global One, and Raytheon. He was appointed by Virginia’s Governor to chair the Virginia Board of Workforce Development to ensure the future economic vitality of the commonwealth. He served as Chairman of the Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce—becoming the first Hispanic to chair a mainstream chamber in Virginia history—and sits on the board of the Northern Virginia Chamber.

Active in politics and the community, he was a candidate for the Virginia House of Delegates, was one of the top races in 2015 and was endorsed by *The Washington Post* where they called him “one of the region’s more impressive first-time candidates for the House of Delegates in recent memory.” He was appointed by Congress to a commission studying the creation of an American Latino Museum within the Smithsonian Institution and chairs a nonprofit group advancing this museum effort and has served on boards of various other nonprofit groups. He was the National Chairman of the Republican National Hispanic Assembly, advised several RNC Chairs, and multiple Presidential, Gubernatorial, Senate, and House campaigns. He serves on a commission to study and promote economic opportunities for struggling families in Virginia.

Danny has advocated for commonsense solutions for a variety of important causes—workforce development, veterans support, economic development, health IT, and more. A sought-after public speaker, Vargas is committed to keeping his community and our nation vibrant, thriving, and strong.