REEMBERTO CONSULTING

Who is Reemberto Consulting?

Reemberto Rodriguez, Sr., is the soul – and sole proprietor – of Reemberto Consulting.

I was born in Cuba, schooled in the deep south (ATL), live in Silver Spring (MD), and I am a citizen of the world.

Educational Attainment

University of Maryland (Francis King Carey School of Law)

Public Policy Conflict Resolution Fellows Program 2012

Georgia State University (Andrew Young Policy School)

Master of Urban Affairs, specializing in Community Development 1984

Development Training Institute

Fellowship in Community Economic Development 1982

Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech)

Master of Architecture, specializing in Urban Design 1980
Bachelor of Science, specializing in Architecture 1978
Minor in Political Science, specializing in Urban Issues 1978

Training at seminars

Have a life-long commitment to continuing education. Therefore, have received training at various venues through the years, including:

NeighborWorks National Training Institute University of Maryland American Planning Association Conferences Urban Land Institute Goizueta Business School at Emory University.

Courses included, among others, Business Development, Low Income Housing Tax Credits, Affordable Housing Development, Community Organizing, Conflict Resolution, and Non-profit Accounting and Financing.

Personal Civic Engagement

Current* Community activities include:

- On the Board of Montgomery History
- Member of the Rotary Club
- Volunteer with other local groups (i.e. MHP, CHEER, Long Branch)
- Member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Washington, D.C.
- Coalition Builder with Catholic Relief Services (CRS) in Maryland
- Formed and lead small national group of activists in these turbulent times

Have been a director on the board of or active participant with, among others*:

- Latino Democratic Club of Montgomery County Advisory Board
- Development Leadership Network (a national network of community economic development practitioners)
- Board Treasurer of Impact Silver Spring (a local leadership and community engagement group)
- Member of East Silver Spring Civic Association
- MAPP, an initiative to improve community health in DeKalb County (GA)
- Fulton County (GA) Community Development Corporation
- Traveler's Aid (a United Way Agency which addresses the plight of the homeless traveler)
- Catholic Social Services (the local Catholic Charity)
- Atlanta Neighborhood Housing Services
- Georgia Tech Hispanic Alumni Initiative
- Hispanic Atlanta, Inc.
- Board Member of the Georgia Historic Preservation Review Board
- Board Member of Nicholas House Family Shelter
- United Way Dekalb County Advisory Board
- Participant in the Northlake Alliance process and the Tucker Civic Association
- Member of the Winding Vista Community Association
- Youth Baseball and Basketball Coach
- Leadership Atlanta Class of 1995 (helped develop the racial / ethnic programs)
- Senior Leadership Montgomery Class of 2013 (on Programs Committee)
- American Planning Association and American Institute of Certified Planners
- Puente de Amistad Board Member (organization helping children in Cuba)

^{*}During my time as an appointee with Montgomery County (2009 – 2021), I opted not to serve on many boards because my singular focus was on the non-biased requirements of the role.

Samples of publications, articles, recognitions, and awards

Coordinator and Contributor: Keeping Small Businesses in Place: Voices from the field 2023
University of Maryland / Small Business Anti-Displacement Network
(Compendium of 11 international case studies and short film)

Article: Creating a Revitalizing Public Gathering Space in Tough Fiscal Times 2018

Revitalization: The Journal of Urban, Rural, and Environmental Resilience (Issue #76, June I, 2018)

Recognition: The Powermeter 100 "Exemplary Leadership and Influence" 2019 El Tiempo Latino (Washington, D.C., Maryland, and Virginia)

Award: Innovations in American Government 2016
Harvard University Kennedy School – Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation (for the Silver Spring Civic Building)

International journeys

Montgomery County Sister Cities 2012 to 2017

 Participated with the Montgomery County Sister Cities in trips to Ethiopia, India, and El Salvador, establishing relationships that are instrumental to the role of Silver Spring Regional Director on behalf of the County Executive - and enriching personal growth.

Cuba 2015 to 2020

Returned to Cuba after leaving as a child in 1966 - 49 years to the date - in 2015.
 Have since been back every year to reconnect personally and through my faith. And look forward to continuing these journeys.

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