

## Hermán Barahona

Hermán recently stepped into the role of LLC Board President in July of this year. Herman is the Lead Community Organizer for United Latinos, where he is helping to organize an environmental justice campaign to address unfair air quality policies forced on the poorest neighborhoods (also known as Environmental Justice Zones).

His civics education began in 1987 at the age of 12 when he arrived in South Central Los Angeles from Honduras and continued through his college years as he studied Political Science at the University of La Verne. Hermán states, *"The lessons that brought on my 'awakening' have come from the real stories of poor and marginalized people I have met over the past 20 years, and have inspired me to take on the roles in the community that I currently hold."*