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Emilio J. Vazquez is currently the Executive Officer of the Office of Cuba Broadcasting (OCB) in Miami, FL. Mr. Vazquez serves as the senior strategic officer, advising the Director and senior staff on administrative and management matters of the Office of Cuba Broadcasting. The OCB is a part of the Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG) and the International Broadcasting Bureau (IBB). The International Broadcasting Bureau (IBB) provides transmission services for all the broadcasters under the Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG). It is the administrative and marketing arm of the Agency. IBB encompasses the Voice of America and Office of Cuba Broadcasting, which oversees Radio/TV Martí. IBB manages a complex network of domestic and overseas transmitting stations as well as satellite and Internet delivery systems with multimedia content. It conducts extensive audience and market research to enhance the worldwide reach of U.S. international broadcasting.

In 2006 Emilio J. Vazquez founded the Capitolium Group, Inc., public affairs, business development and governmental relations firm based in Coral Gables, Florida. Since founding the Capitolium Group Mr. Vazquez has put his expertise and knowledge to work on behalf of clients in the fields of higher education, insurance, automotive, logistics and healthcare to name a few. Capitolium Group works with government agencies, small businesses, non-profit organizations, universities, and various other entities to achieve its clients' goals and objectives.

In 2005, Mr. Vazquez joined the Terra Group a luxury real estate development company, in Miami, Florida, as their Director of Corporate Affairs. While at Terra Group, Mr. Vazquez oversaw the company's public affairs and corporate giving program as well as being tasked with the Freedom Tower project. The Miami Freedom Tower has been designated a National Historical Landmark. It is seen as the Ellis Island of Miami with regards to the Cuban Diaspora. The U.S. government used the Freedom Tower as a refugee processing and resettlement center in the late 1960's and early 1970's. Mr. Vazquez was instrumental in the negotiations between community leaders, elected officials, college administrators and Terra Group in its efforts to donate this historic landmark to Miami Dade College.

From 2001 to 2005, Mr. Vazquez joined the Office of U.S. Senator Bill Nelson as the South Florida Regional Director. Besides the many duties and task of running a congressional district office, Vazquez was also an advisor to the Senator on issues related to the Western Hemisphere, specifically Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua and Colombia. In 2004, at Vazquez' behest, the Senator introduced and passed U.S. Senate Resolution #328 in support of the Varela Project and Cuba's opposition movement and its leaders.

From 1998 to 2001, Vazquez served as the Director of Legislative Affairs and Deputy Director of the Washington, D.C. office of the Cuban American National Foundation. While at the Foundation, Vazquez crafted and implemented the organization's legislative strategy and efforts regarding the democratization of Cuba. Also during his time in Washington, D.C., Vazquez appeared regularly on CNN en Espanol, Fox News, CNN, the Voice of America and other U.S. and Latin American media outlets to discuss US/Cuba relations.

From 1994 to 1997, Vazquez was the Program Director of The Hispanic Needs and Services Council, a non-profit organization that was funded by Hillsborough County. The Hispanic Needs and Services Council, Inc. is a social service agency that aids and provides information and referral services to recent Hispanic arrivals in the Tampa Bay area.

During his career Mr. Vazquez has also held management positions within the financial services and the corrections sectors.

Always active in the community, Vazquez currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Miami-Dade Sports Commission. He has also been involved as an advisory Board Member to the Children's Board of Hillsborough County, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement Regional User Group, Hospice of Hillsborough County Hispanic Outreach Group and The Kiwanis Club of Little Havana. He was President of the Alumni Chapters of the University of South Florida in Washington, D.C. and Miami and a member of the Latin Builders Association, the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce and the South Florida Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. In 2009 he founded Karting 4 Kids, a non-profit organization that promotes motor sports to at risk youth in South Florida. Vazquez has also been involved in a number of congressional and presidential campaigns, as an advisor on issues regarding Hispanics in the U.S. and U.S. foreign policy matters at they relate to the Western Hemisphere.

Mr. Vazquez received a Bachelor's Degree in International Studies from the University of South Florida in 1993.

Mr. Vazquez was born and resides in Coral Gables, Florida with his wife Karyna and their daughter Aliette.