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Biography: Councilwoman Sarai Melendez

Sarai Melendez is a lifelong Walhalla resident serving her second term on City Council. She focuses on community engagement, supporting local businesses, and expanding opportunities for families and youth.

Reflecting on her roots, the Councilwoman says:

“I’m just a small-town girl who grew up around the Mill Hill community. This place shaped my values, work ethic, and love for community. Susan B. Anthony once said, ‘Organize, agitate, educate’ that must be our war cry. My curiosity, lifelong learning, and resilience continue to push me to grow, innovate, and lead initiatives that strengthen our Walhalla community.”

A WALHIRA Class of 2008 graduate, Councilwoman Melendez holds a Bachelor’s degree in Human Services from Anderson University, is a Certified Community Health Worker through the University of South Carolina, and has completed advanced municipal leadership training. She was selected as a Hunt State Policy Fellow through The Hunt Institute at Duke University.

Councilwoman Melendez has helped advance economic innovation, cultural initiatives, and youth civic engagement in Walhalla, including co-founding Hometown Innovation and helping launch the City’s Hispanic Heritage Festival. She remains deeply committed to the community she proudly calls home.