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Justin Vélez-Hagan is an economic policy analyst and researcher at the University of Maryland-Baltimore County, founder of The National Puerto Rican Chamber of Commerce, and co-founder of INACT, a startup cybersecurity training facility. Additionally, he serves as an adjunct professor of economics and is the author of the book *The Common Sense behind Basic Economics* (Lexington Books, 2015).

His work has been featured in numerous national publications, including: *Forbes*, *Fox News*, *Politico*, *The Hill*, *CNBC*, *The Huffington Post*, and newspapers and various academic publications around the country and in Puerto Rico. He has also been a guest on *Fox News*, *BBC World News*, *Fox Business*, *Al Jazeera English*, *NPR Radio*, *SiriusXM*, and *Fusion*, among others.

His unique knowledge of the economic conditions of Puerto Rico have led national legislators, congressional committees, and Administration officials to seek his advice and request testimony, while he is also frequently invited to provide guest lectures at universities both on the mainland and in Puerto Rico.

Previously, Vélez-Hagan worked as an international developer of assisted living facilities. He also founded D.C. Concrete Technologies, which was a frequent guest on HGTV's *Curb Appeal*, NBC's *House Smarts*, and was featured in several national and local magazines and newspapers.

Vélez-Hagan serves on the boards of several national organizations such as the National Military Family Association's *Technology Advisory Board*, The Latino Coalition's *National Advisory Board*, and the Multicultural Media, Telecom, and Internet Council's *Telecommunications and Internet Policy Task Force*. Recently, he was invited to serve on Maryland's GOMA *Small Business Advisory Council*.

Vélez-Hagan received a BS in Finance from the University of Louisville, an MBA from Arizona State University, and is completing his Ph.D. at the University of Maryland-Baltimore County. He is also a combat veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

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