ELLIOTT SERNA

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EDUCATION

Cornell University | *Brooks School of Public Policy* | Ithaca, NY   **Expected May 2027**
Bachelor of Science, Public Policy

Selected Coursework:

Multiple Regression Analysis (Econometrics) • Intermediate Microeconomics • Intro Macroeconomics • International Trade & Finance • States, Power, & Global Governance • Intro to Policy Analysis • Intro to Comparative Politics

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Cornell University Brooks School of Public Policy, *Research Assistant* | Ithaca, NY   **March 2024 – Present**
- Conduct housing policy research for Maine People's Alliance, Maine's largest community action organization, under the Brooks School's Senior Associate Dean of Public Engagement, Dr. Jamila Michener.
- Produce literature reviews and policy analyses, synthesizing data from quantitative and qualitative sources to analyze the design, efficacy and political contexts of various policy interventions tackling housing affordability and development.
- Periodically engage MPA membership with our research process through presentations and focus group discussions.

Future Caucus, *Policy Intern* | Washington, DC   **January 2024 – Present**
- Track Future Caucus (FC) policies at the state and federal levels across 33 states with FC chapters.
- Generate fact-based talking points and one-pagers for FC's network of over 1,800 young lawmakers nationwide.
- Collaboratively develop FC's Innovation Lab pillars, or strategic, bipartisan policy frameworks in the areas of *Strengthening Democracy*, *Criminal Justice Reform*, *Energy & Environment*, *Future of Work*, *Healthcare*, and *Housing*.

Cornell Policy Group, *Domestic Policy Analyst* | Ithaca, NY   **September 2023 – Present**
- Write and publish policy proposals, op-eds, and video essays with Cornell Policy Group's Center for Domestic Policy.
- Research and evaluate the contexts and impacts of American domestic policies on individuals, institutions, and societies to recommend nuanced solutions to national challenges via CPG publications.
- Collaborate with Center for Domestic Policy analysts to organize a semesterly advocacy project (e.g., track and provide input on federal rulemaking regarding firearm sale regulation).

Riverside Youth Council, *Co-Chair* | Riverside, CA   **May 2022 – May 2023**
- Administered a 35-member council and nine committees as RYC's chief executive.
- Organized RYC's annual *Mock City Council Meeting*; oversaw and assisted in the research, stakeholder input collection, and development processes of policymaking to produce a tangible legislative proposal for the City Council.
- Supervised development of RYC's annual *Youth Summit*, including venue and accommodation procurements, theme development, presentation, and workshop curricula-making, organizing volunteer schedules, etc.
- Conducted outreach and recruitment; established relations with various local, state, and federal elected officials, Alvord and RUSD school district administrators and board members, and student-leaders across the city.

PROJECTS

AUSD Strategic Arts Plan Development, *Alvord Unified School District | Riverside, CA*   **January – April 2023**
- Identified relevant state and local legislation and funding to align AUSD's Strategic Arts Plan to CA educational codes.
- Produced a final strategic planning document draft; generated concrete language codifying planning discussions establishing new arts administrator positions, curricular vertical alignment, and professional development for arts educators among other priorities.

PUBLICATIONS

- Serna, E. (2023). Expanding High-Speed Rail in the Northeast to Reduce US Carbon Emissions. *Cornell Policy Group Journal of Affairs, 1(20), 19–22.*

SKILLS

- **Professional:** Memoranda-Writing • Legislative Tracking • Strategic Planning • Project Management • Cost-Benefit Analysis • Risk Analysis • Policy Analysis
- **Research:** Quantitative & Qualitative Data Collection & Analysis • ArcGIS • STATA
- **Political Tools**: Action Network • Mobilize.us • CAP Fund 'Spoke' Texting • Impactive • PDI
- **Design**: Multi-Media Design • Affinity Designer & Photo • Canva • Procreate • DaVinci Resolve • HTML/CSS
- **Technical**: Microsoft 365 (Office) • Google Workspace • Slack • ClickUp • Asana • Git
- **Language**: Spanish (Fluent), Live Translating