



## **ROBERT S. ENRIQUEZ** **Republican Candidate for Illinois Secretary of State**

Robert S. Enriquez was born a US citizen in Honduras, spent formative years in Panama and arrived in the US at age 13.

Native in English and Spanish, he has studied French, German & Portuguese and over the last 25 years has lived and traveled extensively within every country of Latin America. Possessing a BS in Management Science from Case Western Reserve University and International Marketing MBA from Baldwin-Wallace College, both in Cleveland, he has lead successful transnational marketing, distribution and manufacturing projects in the Western Hemisphere, Europe and

the Middle East for Fortune firms. In 1999 he spearheaded a transfer of Ford automotive capability from a Mexican maquiladora to Glendale Heights, Illinois, thereby demonstrating that local manufacturing jobs and an increase in the state's tax base, as opposed to unrestrained outsourcing, is viable.

Robert Enriquez has served our nation as a US Marine officer in various capacities including overseas combat-ready troop command, chief simultaneous interpreter & advisor to US flag commands. He has received specialized NATO officers training and attended military schools in Europe and the US, including graduation from the prestigious USMC Command and Staff College in Washington, DC, a school reserved for flag and staff officer candidates.

In 2005 he was appointed to a state mandated Republican seat on the Illinois Human Rights Commission. As Commissioner he sustains, modifies or reverses adjudicated punitive and damage complaints throughout the State under the Illinois Human Rights Act.

Recently, he has helped deploy affinity and grass roots marketing strategies for large private and public entities. He also participates in Hispanic initiatives with nonprofit and governmental bodies throughout the greater Chicago area. He is past President and Board Member of the Aurora Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and board member of the River Valley Workforce Investment Board. Accustomed to large international forums (500+), as a public speaker he has been noted for his abilities in dialogue as well as style in either English or Spanish.

Robert is producing and narrating a bilingual Hispanic gang prevention video involving local Hispanic felons at Stateville penitentiary. Entitled "When Gangs Don't Kill You," it targets Hispanic junior high students on the consequences of the gang life-choice.

Robert Enriquez is on leave of absence as a College Professional Education Manager to pursue political interests. He lives in Aurora with his wife Dania Enriquez Torres, a native of Puerto Rico, and has four children: Noelia, Adriana, Alexandra and Robert, Jr.