

## **Cesar B. Chavez, PhD**

### Summary of Information



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#### **PROFILE**

An eleventh-time presidential appointee in mostly Assistant Secretary rank by six successive Philippine presidents from President Cory Aquino to President Rody Duterte, Cesar Chavez was a student leader-turned-reporter who later became a government executive. He's a multi-awarded broadcast journalist and is a Career Executive Service Eligible (CESE).

Aside from having worked in five agencies in the executive branch of government, he also worked in the legislative branch and in a local government unit in Metro Manila. He became the youngest congressman during the 9<sup>th</sup> Congress, where he co-authored the law creating the National Youth Commission, among others, and also headed four departments in the Local Government of Caloocan City.

He is currently the Assistant Vice President for News and Public Affairs of the Manila Broadcasting Company where he also serve as Station Manager of DZRH News Television and anchor of the daily primetime program **Damdaming Bayan** at 730-9am and **Special On Saturday** at 7-9am.

#### **SOME MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Chaired the planning and procurement of the LRT Line 1 North Extension Project (Monumento, Caloocan to North Avenue, Quezon City) which was constructed in just 1.5 years; supervised the procurement and the commissioning of the 48 LRVs (trains) from Japan; and chaired the planning and implementation of the Rationalization Plan of LRTA in the Arroyo Administration;
- Supervised the approvals from the NEDA ICC to the NEDA Board of five rail projects of the Duterte Administration: Malolos to Clark, Manila to Calamba, Manila to Matnog, Metro Manila Subway, and the Tagum-Davao-Digos lines; and initiated major policy decisions at MRT3 which led to better service and saved public funds;

- Chaired the review, revision and updating of the 28 mandated plans for the City Government based on the Local Government Code and Circulars from the National Government Agencies; chaired the planning and procurement of major infrastructure projects and social developments in Caloocan City during the first term of Mayor Oscar Malapitan.

### **PUBLIC SERVICE THROUGH GOVERNMENT**

- Chief Executive Officer, Presidential Council on Youth Affairs in 1991
- Youth Sector Representative, House of Representatives, 9<sup>th</sup> Congress
- Commissioner-At-Large, National Youth Commission, 1995-1998
- Chairman and CEO, National Youth Commission, 1998-1999
- Reappointed Chairman and CEO, National Youth Commission, 1999-2000
- Member of the Board of Directors, Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Officer, 2000-2001
- Deputy Administrator, Light Rail Transit Authority, 2004-2010
- University President and Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees of University of Caloocan City in concurrent capacity as OIC Department Head, City Planning and Development Office; OIC Department Head of Human Resource and Management Office and OIC Administrator of the Office of Land Use and Zoning Administration of LGU Caloocan City, 2013-2014
- AGM for Planning, Metropolitan Manila Development Authority, 2014-2015
- Assistant Secretary for Rails, Department of Transportation, September 2016
- Undersecretary for Rails, Department of Transportation, February 2017
- Member of the Board of Directors, Bases Conversion Development Authority, August 2018 to present

### **PUBLIC SERVICE THROUGH MASS MEDIA**

- Correspondent, People's Journal, 1986
- Worked for more than 8 years at the Manila Broadcasting Company (Reporter, Director for News and Public Affairs, Assistant Vice President for News and Public Affairs, and Station Manager of DZRH News Television) but hosted weekend program for 11 years on DZRH
- News Director and anchor of four daily programs (with Art Borjal, Emil Jurado and Blas Ople), IBSI-DWIZ, 1991-1992
- Executive Producer and anchor, BBS (ABS-CBN) Naga City, 1992-1993
- General Manager and anchor, Nation Broadcasting Corporation, 2001

### **EDUCATION, TRAININGS AND GRANTS**

- Senior Executives in National and International Security, Harvard Kennedy School, 2015
- PhD in Peace and Security Administration, Bicol University, 2008

- Master in Nat'l Security Administration, National Defense College of the Philippines, 2000
- Naval Command and General Staff Course, Naval Education and Training Command, 2002
- Tradecraft Course (Military Intelligence Collection Course), Special Intelligence Training School (SITS-ISAFP), 2006
- Intelligence Officer Advance Course, Special Intelligence Training School (SITS-ISAFP), 2005
- Intelligence Officer Basic Course, Special Intelligence Training School (SITS-ISAFP), 2004
- Performance Management System, Ateneo Professional School, 1991
- Entrepreneurship Program, UP-ISSI, 1990
- Media Relations, Development Academy of the Philippines, 1990
- Political Science, Adamson University, 1989
- Granted leadership and journalism trainings by the United States Information Agency (1987), The Asia Foundation (1990), Canada International Development Agency (1997) and East West Center (2000)

#### **SOME AWARDS AND CITATIONS**

- 24<sup>th</sup> KBP Golden Dove Award for Best Public Affairs Host
- Some other awards/commendations he received as a broadcast journalist came from Rotary Club of Manila (1989), Philippine Jaycees (1990), Resolution of the Commendation from the Philippine Senate of the 8<sup>th</sup> Congress (authored by Sen. Ernesto Maceda), Manila City Government (1987 & 1989) and Quezon City Council Resolution of Commendation in 1989 (authored by Coun Dante Liban)
- Received more than a hundred of Plaque of Appreciation and Certificate of Commendation mostly as a resource person or speaker in many conferences, seminars and trainings here and abroad
- Outstanding Alumnus, NDCP, 2015 & 2017
- 85<sup>th</sup> Adamsonian Award, 2018