



## CAROLINA ORTIZ



Hailing from Zacatecas, Mexico, Carolina embodies the spirit of resilience and determination. Carolina's passion for social justice is deeply rooted in her personal journey as a DREAMer. Her advocacy is not just a vocation but a lived experience, drawing strength and motivation from her own encounters and those of her community.

Carolina's impactful footprint extends far beyond her role as Associate Executive Director at [COPAL](#), encompassing a profound depth of environmental advocacy, coalition management, and steering key legislative initiatives. Her unwavering dedication and leadership within COPAL have been instrumental in fostering growth and steering the organization towards impactful change.

As a distinguished figure, Carolina is recognized for her expertise in legislative matters, media advocacy, and adeptness in navigating the complex terrain of Minnesota's Legislative process serving as a key player in passing many pieces of legislation into law. Her prowess as a frequent speaker amplifies her role as an influential voice, representing not only COPAL but also the aspirations of marginalized communities.

Carolina's exceptional ability to cultivate relationships, locally and nationally, underscores her capacity to effect change on multiple fronts, marking her as a cornerstone in the pursuit of equitable and just societies.

*Carolina will be speaking in Minneapolis during the MOMENTUM convening on August 5, 2026.*

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