



Tamar Farchy

Associate

Tamar joined ECONorthwest in 2023 and specializes in climate, environmental, and social policy, with a special emphasis in climate resilience and adaptation. At ECONorthwest, she works on projects across the natural resources and social policy teams at the intersection of social vulnerability and climate. Her work encompasses both quantitative and qualitative policy analysis, strategic planning, and community engagement. Prior to joining ECONorthwest, Tamar worked on research developing a social vulnerability index for flooding in Texas, consulted on resilience projects for the City of Austin Office of Resilience and the Travis County Department of Natural Resources, and spent several years working for a child and family welfare policy nonprofit in Texas.

Tamar is an active member of the American Society of Adaptation Professionals and is a 2022 alum of the Urban Leaders Fellowship.

EDUCATION

Master of Public Affairs, LBJ School of Public Affairs,
University of Texas at Austin

B.A. Government & International Relations and Global Studies,
University of Texas at Austin

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Climate Resilience and Adaptation
- Policy Analysis
- Strategic Planning

PRE-ECONORTHWEST EXPERIENCE

Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs | TX | 2023

Designed and conducted a systematic literature review on developing a social vulnerability index (SVI) specific to flooding in Texas. Lead and developed interview protocol and conducted interviews with 15 flood risk reduction experts across Texas to assess perspectives on flooding vulnerability. Contributed to research design and analysis of findings, including in the development of written memos and formal publications.

Travis County | Department of Transportation and Natural Resources | TX | 2023

Strategized the development of a community database on Austin-area organizations working on climate justice, community resilience, and adaptation using AirTable. Created protocols for long-term maintenance and quality control of database management. Researched best practices from other cities and develop recommendations for Travis County's community engagement strategies.

Global Sustainability Leadership Institute | TX | 2023

Conducted a comparative analysis of 6 sustainability reporting standards for our client, USD Group. Developed recommendations for the costs/benefits of adopting existing ESG standards. Advised client on next steps for sustainability initiatives and trends in sustainability reporting.

Urban Leaders Fellowship | CO | 2022

Conducted original research on affordable housing, special development districts, and inequitable tax policy for Colorado Sen. Julie Gonzalez (D-Denver). Developed an in-depth policy memo, op-ed, and one-pager on metropolitan districts. Conducted interviews with diverse stakeholders to inform policy recommendations and research. Consulted with a local nonprofit, the Spring Institute for Intercultural Learning, on developing policy solutions for expanding language access for migrants and LEP populations at the state legislature and increasing funding for adult education programs.

Children at Risk | TX | 2022

Contributed to original data collection and analysis on child welfare and education issues using Excel and Stata. Drafted one-pagers, op-eds, and policy briefs on early childhood issues to inform stakeholders and legislators prior to and during the 87th Texas Legislative Session. Coordinated educational events and workshops on early childhood education, child welfare, and K-12 education; events regularly drew 200-300 attendees. Managed 2 multi-million-dollar projects by generating progress reports, ensuring deliverables are met, and coordinating with relevant program and development staff.

The Alliance for Multicultural Community Services | TX | 2019

Researched and developed relationships with disaster relief and recovery organizations in the Houston area. Contributed to grant-writing, reporting, and grants management for the Disaster Recovery and Legal Services programs; grants leveraged over \$2 million worth of funds for programs. Created written and virtual resources such as resource guides, manual for standards of operating procedures, internal policies, success stories, and press releases.

PUBLICATIONS AND WORK PRODUCTS

LBJ School of Public Affairs & Hiroshima University Policy Research Project: “Developing a sustainable entrepreneurial ecosystem in Hiroshima, Japan”

Handbook on Adaptive Governance. Book Chapter: “Adaptive governance for disaster risk reduction”

City of Austin Office of Resilience. Story-map on hazard risks and adaptation recommendations for individuals, communities, and policy makers in Austin

Office of Senator Julie Gonzalez. Policy Publication: “Oversight and Accountability of Colorado Metro Districts”