

## **Athena Strategic Council - Guiding decisions to affect social change**

Jessica F. Vasquez, is founder and President, of Athena Strategic Council, is a for profit consulting firm dealing with Policy and advocacy services, training and technical assistance, program development and evaluation, organizational and board development, organizational legal risk assessment and legal research. She is an attorney with many decades of experience under her belt in the non-profit sector. Her experience as a domestic relations litigator, immigration lawyer, programs manager, non-profit board member and expert on issues of violence against women, positions her as an excellent resource.

Athena Strategic Council's mission is to partner with various clients to build a capacity of individuals & organizations in order to affect social change. Sound information and careful analysis lie behind intelligent, strategic decisions. Their primary goal is to ensure their clients come away from various projects with the tools, knowledge and skills necessary to enhance and maximize their organizational capacity and services.

Jessica has done presentations and facilitated workshops at many conferences across the nation. Especially ones hosted by law schools, bar associations and non-profit organizations. Here are some to name a few A Future Vision of the Violence Against Women Act, March 11, 2004, before the U.S. Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues, Washington, DC., Impact of Marriage Promotion and Fatherhood Initiatives on Domestic Violence Programs, February 2, 2004, at New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence Conference, New York, Domestic Violence/Domestic Silence: The Activist Response to Shaming Mechanisms, October 18, 2003, at American Studies Association annual meeting, Hartford, Connecticut, Frameworks for Culturally Sensitive Services, May 29, 2003 at Domestic Violence Resource Network's Forum, Texas, Access to Services for Immigrant Battered Women, October 8, 2000 at National Conference of Puerto Rican Women, New York, Legal Services for Immigrant Battered Women, October 5, 2000 at Latin Women In Action, New York.

Athena Strategic Council serves as a great resource for people & organizations in need. We Mijas should be thankful that we have Jessica spearheading such a vital movement in social change.