



**Hon. Rafael Hernández- Montañez**, PDP Minority Leader in Puerto Rico House of Representatives

Hernández-Montañez was born on April 14, 1972 in Dorado, Puerto Rico. He is a Puerto Rican politician affiliated with the Popular Democratic Party (PPD). Nationally, he is a Democrat with conservative political views. He received a Bachelor's in Science degree, majoring in Surveying and Cartography from the Polytechnic University of Puerto Rico in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Once he graduated from

College, he worked specifically with cadaster systems. Also, he worked as a mortgage banker for 16 years and was a member of the US Navy Reserve for 8 years. At this moment, he is studying Law at Interamerican University of Puerto Rico.

Throughout his political career, he has been a member of the Puerto Rico's House of Representatives since 2009 representing District 11, which includes the town of Dorado and parts of the towns of Vega Alta and Vega Baja. At that moment, he was a member of the House Treasury Chairman of the Budget, Appropriations, Ways and Means Committee, Housing and Transportation and Infrastructure Committees. Also, he was a Chairman of the Budget, Appropriations, Ways and Means Committee in 2013.