## Biography

A native of Kansas City, Kansas, Ian B. Bautista resides with his wife, Elsa, and his daughter Iana, in Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin. Since 2014, Bautista has served as the Executive Director of the Clarke Square Neighborhood Initiative (CSNI, [www.ClarkeSquare.org](http://www.ClarkeSquare.org)), a hyper-local collective impact initiative seeking to implement the neighborhood’s Quality of Life Plan developed in 2008 and introduced to the public in 2009. He also serves as the President & Chief Community Development Officer of his wife’s consulting practice, *Comunidad*.

From 2006 through 2014, Bautista served as the President of United Neighborhood Centers of America (UNCA, [www.UNCA.org](http://www.UNCA.org)), the national non-profit network of settlement houses, neighborhood centers, and community building organizations in the United States of America. At the end of 2013, UNCA merged with the Alliance for Children and Families and then became the Alliance for Strong Families and Communities ([www.alliance1.org](http://www.alliance1.org)) later in 2014.

Prior to UNCA, Bautista served as the President & CEO of El Centro, Inc. in Kansas City, Kansas ([www.ElCentroInc.com](http://www.ElCentroInc.com)). Before leading El Centro, Bautista served as a Management Consultant for NeighborWorks® America ([www.nw.org](http://www.nw.org)), the congressionally chartered nonprofit community development intermediary. Prior to NeighborWorks® America, Bautista worked for the State of Kansas at the Kansas Hispanic and Latino American Affairs Commission (KHLAAC) and earlier still with Kansas State University.

Bautista chairs the audit committee as part of his service on the board for the Maryknoll Lay Missioners (www.mklm.org). Additionally, Ian serves on the executive committee of the Deliberative Democracy Consortium ([www.deliberative-democracy.net](http://www.deliberative-democracy.net)), an international consortium of academic and civic organizations promoting the practice and advancement of democracy.

Bautista holds a Master of Business Administration from the Rockhurst University Executive Fellows Program, a Master of Regional and Community Planning from Kansas State University, and Bachelor of Arts degrees in Political Science and Spanish from Kansas State University. In 2001, Bautista became a certified Community Planner credentialed by the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP), by passing their comprehensive professional exam.

In his spare time, Bautista has volunteered as a youth debate coach, a marriage preparation trainer and youth catechist for his parish, a parent peer advisor at a children’s hospital, a member of various nonprofit boards and committees, and as a volunteer for his International Fraternity, Sigma Lambda Beta ([www.sigmalambdabeta.com](http://www.sigmalambdabeta.com)). He enjoys spending time with family and friends, working on issues of social justice, the arts (music and visual), following and playing team sports (especially Kansas State University and Kansas City teams), intercultural exploration, leadership development, and cooking.