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## JOSE SANCHEZ Principal, Meyers Nave

**Age:** 37

**Education:** B.A. in political science, UC Davis; J.D., University of San Francisco School of Law

**Most significant professional accomplishments:** After starting as a law clerk in 2005, Sanchez was elected principal in 2014 at age 35. He helps develop and implement the firm's corporate vision, business strategy and firm-wide culture.

Sanchez also serves as the city attorney for Livingston and Cloverdale and as assistant city attorney for Modesto and Rancho Cordova. He helped Rancho Cordova prepare and implement its first general plan and zoning code after incorporating in 2003. And he helped the city design an award-winning program to help clean up blighted properties.

**Community service:** As the son of a Latino migrant farm worker, Sanchez is passionate about being an advocate for diversity in the legal community. He is a member of Meyers Nave's statewide diversity initiative committee and chairman of the firm's diversity

fellowship recruiting committee. He also helped create the firm's diversity fellowship program. In addition, Sanchez is a member of the Cruz Reynoso Bar Association, a non-profit that advocates for the legal interests of the Latino community and mentors Latinos interested in joining the law profession.

**Favorite mobile app:** "Amazon app"

**Favorite local restaurant or bar:** "Tower Café"

**Guilty pleasure:** "Horror movies"

**I am always fascinated by:** "The new things my children (ages 3 and 7) do and say."

**Most surprising fact about you:** "I don't eat beef."

**Person you would most like to meet:** "Dwayne 'The Rock' Johnson"

**Pet peeve:** "Manners/courtesy at the gym"

**Biggest whoops:** "I let my (then) 4-year-old son pick the color of my car. Seemed like a good idea until I woke up the next morning and realized I had a flashy bold car in my garage that looked like a HotWheel."

