

**Office of Assemblymember Jose Solorio
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Executive Summary

While interning at the Office of Assemblymen Jose Solorio, I was exposed to the processes of state government, valuable skill building experiences, and to networking opportunities in and outside the capitol. As a part of my internship, I attended floor sessions, staff briefings, and committee hearings. I was able to interact with Legislators, lobbyists, and the general public. In being exposed to these experiences, I further developed my writing, critical thinking and research skills. However, as with every internship experience, I did answer phones and made copies of documents; but these tasks are done by just about everyone at the office.

When choosing an internship, it is important to know what you want to get out of your internship experience, but it is also equally important to understand what you can contribute to the internship site. Overall, it is important to ask questions and to let your superiors know what you are trying to achieve.