

Kathryn Chace McNiel
Consultant

Kathryn Chace McNiel is an experienced and widely respected Houston-based political, and civic campaign consultant with extensive involvement as an activist, results-oriented and dynamic leader in community affairs.

With a strong expertise in the design, development and implementation of successful strategic communications and advocacy campaigns, McNiel has been instrumental in the success of numerous political, policy, and community campaigns nationally and most recently focusing on Houston and Texas. Her knowledge of politics and government has given her the insight to publish well-received opinion pieces in the Houston Chronicle on critical issues of the day.

A native of Houston, Kathryn McNiel received her undergraduate degree in political science and psychology from Simmons College in Boston, Massachusetts, and later earned a master's degree in public administration from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

A former legislative aide to U.S. Rep. Margaret Heckler, R -MA, and Texas State Rep. Tony Polumbo, D-Houston, McNiel has also taught political science at North Harris Community College.

In addition to her professional involvement, McNiel has been active in numerous civic, art and health associations. She is on the board of directors of Project Row House, the Legacy Community Healthcare Center (formerly The Montrose Clinic) and the Citizens Environmental Coalition, all in Houston. She held a similar position with the Good Neighbor Healthcare Center from 1987 until 1990.

McNiel is also a member of the Simmons College Task Force to identify, develop and implement a nationwide alumna program, and she formally a member of the Houston World Affairs Council.