

Lorenzo Gomez III

Lorenzo Gomez III is an expert in ecosystem development and has successfully helped convert a dormant urban sector of San Antonio into a thriving entrepreneurial hub. As the former CEO of Geekdom, the largest coworking space in Texas, and former Executive Director of The 80/20 Foundation, a philanthropic organization, he has effectively engaged others in a vision and orchestrated their skills and strengths to create a new contemporary community of technology companies.

As the current Chairman of the Board for both entities, Gomez is charged with generating the next 10,000 tech jobs for the downtown ecosystem. Having been responsible for populating the new downtown tech district with hundreds of small businesses, numerous tech groups, prominent accelerators and non-traditional educational organizations, Mr. Gomez has had a positive impact on the tech industry, economic growth and the revitalization of the area. Within the five-year development period, Geekdom, at the heart of the downtown tech district, has experienced 1000-percent membership growth, and those members have generated 658 new jobs and \$70 million in capital.

Mr. Gomez is a compelling storyteller, a tenacious team player and a technologist with a passion for entrepreneurship. His professional experience stems from Rackspace, the largest managed cloud provider, where he worked closely with co-founder Graham Weston, to whom he still reports. He's a co-founder of Tech Bloc, and he serves as board member, advisory board member and mentor for a variety of local and national tech and entrepreneurial organizations.

He's the author of "Cilantro Diaries," a business book that relates real-life principles young adults should know before entering the professional workforce. Mr. Gomez is a San Antonio native.