

## **Commissioner Adrian Garcia, Harris County, Texas**

Commissioner Adrian Garcia was born and raised in Precinct 2, granting him firsthand knowledge of the district's needs as both a resident and a public servant. His public service journey began as a police officer in the Houston Police Department (HPD).

Recognized for his dedication to serving the City of Houston, Mayor Lee Brown appointed him as Director of the Mayor's Anti-Gang Office. In this role, Commissioner Garcia witnessed the corrosive impact of criminal gangs on community safety and well-being. Determined to make a difference, he innovated approaches to law enforcement aimed at eradicating gang activities in schools and neighborhoods afflicted by gang violence.

Driven by a commitment to further serve his community, Commissioner Garcia sought higher office and was elected to the Houston City Council. During his tenure, he was appointed chair of two significant committees: the Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee and the Minority / Women Business Enterprise Committee.

Known for his proactive engagement, Commissioner Garcia is a familiar face within his district, consistently interfacing with and listening to the concerns of his constituents. His extensive understanding of the district and the city of Houston is further reinforced by his experience as Mayor Pro-Tem during Mayor Bill White's administration.

Commissioner Garcia's dedication to public safety is deeply rooted in his tenure as the former Sheriff of Harris County. His service is marked by an active administration of resources to combat crime, a fiduciary responsibility over Precinct 2's annual budget, and a steadfast commitment to meeting the needs of its residents.

Commissioner Garcia currently serves as the Chair of NACo's Justice and Public Safety Committee and as the Co-Chair of the Intergovernmental Disaster Reform Task Force.