

HONORABLE DELIA GARCIA



Delia Garcia serves as the Cabinet Secretary for the Kansas Department of Labor, confirmed by the Senate on May 3, 2019. Garcia returned to Kansas after serving eight years in Washington, DC in executive, senior leadership in the national organizations ReflectUS, National Migrant Seasonal Head Start Association, and the National Education Association. In 2004, she was elected to the Kansas House of Representatives, where she served six years and served on the Commerce and Labor Committee at her request. Delia made Kansas history by becoming the first Latina and the youngest female to serve in the Kansas Legislature in 2004. Garcia is utilizing her business, policy, national management, and advocacy expertise to serve hard working Kansans and their families.

This year at the national level, Secretary Garcia was elected to serve on the National Association of State Workforce Agencies (NASWA) Board of Directors for Region VII and Co-Chair of the UI Committee. She is actively engaged with the National Governor's Association Workforce Committee. At the state level, Garcia serves on the Technical Education Authority, Kansas Advisory Committee on Career & Technical Education, Kansas Works Board of Directors, the Governor's Education Council, and the Governor's Kansas Census Complete Count Commission.

Secretary Garcia has been recently recognized for her leadership, including by the [Women's Foundation Changemaker Profile](#) and the [Journal: Inspiration for Civic Leadership in KS](#). Delia received her Master's Degree in Political Science, with an emphasis in Public Administration from St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas, and her Bachelor of Arts degree from Wichita State University. She is also a graduate of the Harvard University Executive Leadership Program, the Aspen Executive Leadership Institute and the Kansas Leadership Center. Garcia received numerous recognitions for her leadership and community service, including a permanent exhibition in the State of Kansas Historical Society Museum as the first Latina elected to the Legislature.

Secretary Garcia was born and raised in Wichita, Kansas, and was raised with her four sisters in her family's Mexican restaurant, which is Kansas' Oldest Family Owned Mexican Restaurant established in 1963. She is the proud aunt of five nieces and nephews whom all reside in Wichita, and the rest of her family is in Garden City, Kansas and Texas.

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