# Mónica R. Alonzo, Dallas City Council Member - District 6 Dallas Mayor Pro Tem



## **Biography**

Mónica R. Alonzo is the first Hispanic woman elected to represent District 6 on the Dallas City Council since her initial victory in 2011. After winning the 2013 re-election, Ms. Alonzo was unanimously elected by her council colleagues to serve as Deputy Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Dallas. Following her re-election to a third term in 2015, Ms. Alonzo was unanimously elected to lead as Mayor Pro Tem.

Since May 2011, Councilwoman and Mayor Pro Tem Alonzo continues to serve as a business and community leader and is known and respected for her tenacity, tireless effort and passion for senior citizens, youth and America's Veterans.

As an elected public servant, Ms. Alonzo brought her ability to get things done to the Council seat and she continues her advocacy at Dallas City Hall on behalf of her constituency in District 6 and all Dallas residents. The Councilwoman understands and respects the diversity of our neighborhoods and communities in Dallas, especially those in District 6. Her home district has 85,000 residents and spans nearly 41 miles from Keeneland and Arcadia Park neighborhoods, to the Northwest Dallas communities including the Cypress Waters development.

In her three terms in office, Councilwoman Alonzo has achieved solid accomplishments to improve the quality of life for District 6 and City of Dallas residents and businesses.

Her focus has been to improve ...

**SAFETY and SECURITY** - Working to achieve a reduction in crime by 15 percent in District 6 neighborhoods and communities; effectively strengthening the District 6 Crime Watch Network; supporting and assisting the leadership for the diverse neighborhoods and communities in District 6; maintaining open lines of communication and excellent working relationship with First Responders for Dallas - Dallas Police Department and Dallas Fire Department.

**INFRASTRUCTURE** - Producing more than \$96 million worth of investments for improving our aging infrastructure in our neighborhoods in District 6; continuing to monitor and watch investments in District 6 and the expenditure of tax dollars for needed improvements in our infrastructure.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** - Working with individuals and City staff to attract new businesses and jobs to District 6; championing positive business development and growth in District 6; supporting neighborhood-friendly economic development in West Dallas, adding more than \$2.85 billion to our city's tax base; advocating for a strong Asian Trade District in Northwest Dallas that produces more than \$1.5 million in property tax revenues.



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### **RECOGNITIONS** (not a complete list)

Councilwoman Alonzo's leadership and dedication has been recognized by many fine organizations:

Oak Cliff Chamber of Commerce 2015 Public Servant Award; City of Dallas Senior Affairs Commission 2015 Certificate of Appreciation for superb support and continuing commitment to the senior citizens of this city; DISD Schools Certificate of Appreciation; Workers Defense Project 2016 recognition of standing in solidarity with working families; Hispanic Women's Network of Texas 2015 Fast Track Breakthrough Leadership Award; Coalition de Organizations Mexicanas in recognition for leadership and ongoing commitment to the community; Texas Rangers 2016 Hispanic Heritage Celebration award; Jain Society of North Texas 2016 Award of Gratitude for "Meet Your Police Department Day" and for being a strong advocate of developing partnerships between local communities and civic leaders; Instituto de los Mexicanos en el Exterior Reconocimiento Ohtli Diploma pro su distinguish labor al service de los intereses de la comunidad mexicana y de origen mexicano residente en Estados Unidos; Federally Employed Women 2016 Spirit of Excellence award: Stonewall Democrats 2014 Pink Pump award nominee: Oak Cliff Coalition for the Arts 2015 Miguel Hidalgo Award for outstanding contributions in civic leadership; Councilman & Chair Adam Medrano and City of Dallas LGBT Task Force 2016 Spirit of Equality Ally Award for advocacy and continued support of the LGBT community; President Barak Obama letter of gratitude for City of Dallas Liaison for Affordable Care Outreach; Aberg Center for Literacy certificate for Literacy in Motion with Juan Felipe Herrera, U.S. Poet Laureate; The Dallas Diocesan Council of Catholic Women 2013 Woman of the Year; Regional Hispanic Contractors Association Women's Business 2015 LUNA Award; Dallas Hispanic Firefighters Association 2012 Community Service award.

### CITY OF DALLAS COMMITTEE SERVICE

Councilwoman and Mayor Pro Tem Mónica Alonzo actively serves or has served as a member of several City of Dallas Council Committees such as Economic Development; Budget, Finance and Audit; Quality of Life and Government Services; Ad Hoc DART Board Appointment Committee; Arts, Culture and Libraries – Chair & Vice Chair; Transportation and Trinity River Project Committee; Ad-Hoc Judicial Nominations; Housing Committee; 2013-17 Dallas Convention and Visitors Bureau Board – Vice Chair; Mayor and City Council's Liaison for Senior Affairs issues; Member, City Manager's Search Committee; and City Liaison to Affordable Healthcare Act Outreach.

#### **PUBLIC SERVICE**

Her experience, leadership and community involvement have prepared Councilwoman Mónica Alonzo well to be a member of the Dallas City Council. Her public service includes Former Member, Dallas Park and Recreation Board; Chairperson, Planning and Design Committee/Dallas Park and Recreation Board; Former Board Member, Sundown Community Corp.; 1st Vice President, Council of Catholic Women; Advisory Council Member, St. Cecilia Catholic School; Member, Oak Cliff Coalition for the Arts; Volunteer, Southwest Voter Registration & Education Project; "A Senior Celebration;" Weatherization Assistance Program; Girl Scout Troop Leader; Carter BloodCare; and St. Joseph Guild.

