



**ROSE ESPINOZA, Councilmember**  
**Term Expires November 2016**



## **BIOGRAPHY**

**Rose Espinoza was first elected to the La Habra City Council in 2000, and she was reelected in 2004 and 2008. In 2012, there was no need for the city to hold an election for city councilmembers because there were no challengers to the incumbents. Therefore Councilmember Espinoza was reconfirmed to council in November. She previously served as Mayor in 2004 and 2008, and again in 2013.**

**In 1991, Mayor Espinoza founded the La Habra program, Rosie's Garage, out of concern for the growing gang activity and low educational attainment of children in her neighborhood. She currently serves a volunteer director of the organization, which was the subject of the documentary "Rosie's Garage" which aired on KCET in 2002.**

**Mayor Espinoza has continually made a difference by contributing time, energy and talent to La Habra, Orange County and broader communities embracing issues and causes most important to her. On November 15, 2007 Mayor Espinoza received the National Caring Award, a prestigious honor that has been given to world renowned people including Mother Teresa, the Rev. Billy Graham and baseball Hall-of-Famer Cal Ripken Jr. She is recognized in the Frederick Douglass Museum and Hall of Fame for Caring Americans, Washington D.C.**

**Mayor Espinoza serves as the City's representative on the Hillside Open Space Education Coalition, and the Southern California Association of Governments, and also serves on the League of California Cities Public Safety Committee. She has previously served on the La Habra Community Development Block Grant Committee, Orange County Housing and Community Service Commission, Orange County Vector Control Board, Orange County Library Advise ment Board and the Orange County Sanitation District. She is also involved in many community organizations including the La Habra Neighborhood Housing Services Advisory Committee, St. Jude Healthy Communities Benefit Committee, board of director of Advance!, and board of director of Neighborhood Housing Services of America.**

**As the recipient of many awards for volunteerism, Mayor Espinoza has received the Points of Light Presidential Service Award from former President Clinton in 1994, the 72<sup>nd</sup> Assembly District Woman of the Year Award from Assemblywoman Lynn Daucher in 2002, and North Orange County Magazine's 25 Most Influential People in 2006. In 2005 the Orange County Register profiled Mayor Espinoza as one of "100 People Who Shaped Orange County." Her accomplishments have also been featured in Reader's Digest and People Magazine.**

**She is a member of League of Women Voters, MANA of Orange County, National Women's Political Caucus, DNOC, Los Amigos of Orange County, La Habra Woman's Club, and Delta Kappa Gamma Society International - Beta Chapter.**

**Mayor Espinoza received her associate of arts degree from Fullerton College and is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in Communication. A lifelong resident of La Habra, Mayor Espinoza and her husband, Alex, have one son.**