

Rose Espinoza was first elected to the La Habra City Council in 2000, and she was reelected in 2004, 2008, 2012 and 2016. She previously served as Mayor in 2004, 2008, 2013 and again in 2017.

Councilwoman Espinoza worked as a Principal Designer at Beckman Coulter for thirty-four years. In 1991, Councilwoman 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 as executive director of the organization, which was the subject of the documentary "Rosie's Garage" which aired on KCET in 2002.

Councilwoman 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 Councilwoman 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 in Washington D.C.

Councilwoman Espinoza serves as the City's representative on the Hillside Open Space Education Coalition, SCAG (Southern California Association of Governments), OCCOG (Orange County Council of Government), San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles River and Mountain Conservancy and serves as the League of California Cities 4th District Representative. 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 Advisement Board and the Orange County Sanitation District. She is also involved in many community organizations including Neighborworks Orange County Board of Director, St. Jude Healthy Communities Benefit Committee, Advance! Board of Director, and Los Amigos of Orange County.

As the recipient of many awards for volunteerism, Councilwoman Espinoza has received the Points of Light Presidential Service Award from former President Clinton in 1994, the 72nd 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, People Magazine and CSUF Center for Oral and Public History "*Voces de Liberación: Latinas and Politics in Southern California.*"

Councilwoman Espinoza received her associate of arts degree from Fullerton College and is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in Political Science.

A lifelong resident of La Habra, Councilwoman Espinoza and her husband, Alex, have one son and three grandchildren.