

## **BIOGRAPHY OF RAUL REYES**

Raul Reyes was sworn in as Webb County Treasurer for a second four-year term on January 5, 2023. Prior to being elected County Treasurer, Mr. Reyes served 14 years as Mayor of the City of El Cenizo, Texas. He was elected at the age of 21 years old making him the youngest elected Mayor in Texas and the youngest Latino Mayor in the United States of America. Mr. Reyes graduated from Texas A&M International University and has a Bachelors in Business Administration and a Masters in Public Administration respectively. Mr. Reyes is a dedicated and technically skilled business and public management professional with a versatile administrative skill set developed through his 23 career experience.

Some of his most noticeable community and infrastructure improvement projects during his time as Mayor included: Working with the county government to pave all city streets, ensure water and sewer connections to every household and installing much needed public lighting on county roads. The construction of the first fire station, the creation of a police department, municipal court and the construction of the city's first municipal park and public library. Over 1,500 linear feet of sidewalk construction, housing rehabilitation programs, that demolished and constructed 6 new energy efficient home for the elderly and securing more than 6 million dollars of local, state and federal funding.

As the County Treasurer, Mr. Reyes serves as the County's Investment Officer, fully trained and equipped to invest county financial resources in accordance to the Texas Public Funds Investment Act (PFIA), and is a member of TAC's County Investment Academy. Mr. Reyes also serves as the Trustee for the Permanent School Land Funds, the Webb County Bail Bond Board, and is the Escrow Representative of the Webb County Medicaid Upper Payment Account. During his first term in office, Mr. Reyes has streamlined the operations of the Treasurer's Office and has made it more accessible to other county department and vendors. In the summer of 2019 Mr. Reyes launched his financial management workshop for students across the county and is working towards providing it to high school seniors in all 7 high schools in the fall of 2024. The workshops are catered towards teaching students the different types of currency, its value and how to start saving money. Within his first year in office, Mr. Reyes has diversified the county's investment portfolio and has increased investment income while ensuring investment liquidity as required by the PFIA. Through the launch of the ACH Payment Program, Mr. Reyes and the County Treasurer's Office has provided vendors an option to opt in and receive payments via Electronic Fund Transfer's. Mr. Reyes also instituted FREE Notary Services to Webb County residents conducting business with the county and since its commencement in 2019 has provided over 1,000 free notarizations.

Mr. Reyes is an active member of the Laredo/Webb County community and serves on numerous boards and committees.

- Texas A&M International University Alumni Association, President
- Raul Reyes Stronger Together Breast Cancer Foundation, founder and President
- Laredo Day Break Rotary Club, member and President - Elect
- Mercy Ministries of Laredo, board member
- United Way of Laredo, board member
- Triumph Public High School Local Management, board member and board secretary
- Giving Tree of South Texas Foundation, board member
- South Texas Latino Coalition, founder and past president

- League of United Latin American Citizens Council #22387, Past President
- Texas LULAC District #14 District Director
- County Treasurers Association of Texas Secretary
- National Association of Latino Elected Officials lifetime member

His most memorable experience was having been invited by the United States Department of State to represent the country in the African Continent and serve as a motivational and inspirational speaker to the young adults in Lusaka, Zambia.

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“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.” – Martin Luther King, Jr.