



Vice Mayor Macias was elected to the Huntington Park City Council in March 2013, and re-elected to a second four year term on March 2017. Two years after her first election, she was voted by her peers to serve as the Mayor of Huntington Park for the 2015-2016 term, making her the youngest Mayor in the history of the City.

Vice Mayor Karina Macias grew up in Huntington Park as the only child of immigrant parents. She attended Middleton Elementary School, Gage Middle School, and graduated with honors from Dorsey High School under the Police Academy Magnet Program, where she had great teachers that taught

her the values of community service and civic engagement.

She earned her Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and Psychology, with a minor in International Studies from Mount St. Mary's University in Los Angeles. Passionate about global issues, she then went on to earn her Master's Degree in International Studies from Chapman University.

Determined to utilize her degrees in a way that made her community better, upon graduation Ms. Macias began working with the Sisters of St. Joseph as an Assistant Justice Coordinator for the Social Justice Office where she provided educational services on a variety of social justice topics to the Sisters within the Los Angeles Province for 5 years. Additionally, she managed an emergency monetary assistance fund and co-chaired the Southern California Partners for Global Justice group. Her career has given her the community outreach skills that she uses on the City Council, as well as a profound understanding of local government and the importance of transparency in policymaking and governance. Currently she works as a Home Care Provider and is a member of SEIU 2015.

During her time in office, Vice Mayor Karina Macias has accomplished a number of goals. Most notably, she has set a precedent of having transparent and open conversations with the community on city issues and has initiated the Youth Commission to help teach students the importance of civic engagement. She is focused on attracting future investment and sees great opportunity for Huntington Park's economic development to make it more competitive both locally and globally. She currently also serves as Huntington Park's representative on Eco Rapid Transit Board, 710 Project Committee and Gateway Metro Service Council.

When she is not working or serving on Council, Vice Mayor Macias enjoys hiking, being with family, going to the movies, and enjoying Huntington Park's parks. An avid lover of coffee, she can often be found frequenting Huntington Park's local coffee shops such as Starbucks, Tierra Mia, or Cruzita's Deli and Café.