



Finalist for “All-America City”

The City of Pasco has been named one of 20 finalists for the prestigious national “All-America City” Award (AAC) given by the National Civic League.

The award, given to 10 communities each year, celebrates and recognizes neighborhoods, villages, towns, cities, counties, tribes and regions that engage residents in innovative, inclusive and effective efforts to tackle critical challenges. The 2018 award theme is “Promoting Equity Through Inclusive Civic Engagement” and the communities involved are nationally recognized for their inclusive engagement processes, projects and community vision.

The AAC application involved a description of three community projects with a clear community-wide commitment to inclusiveness, equity, impact, innovation, civic engagement and cross-sector collaboration. The City, for its three projects, chose “Police-Community Relations”, “Better Representation through City Council District-Based Elections”, and “Somos Pasco (We Are



Pasco)” to highlight the community’s civic engagement.

The 20 finalist communities will compete June 22-24 to be recognized as one of ten All-America Cities for 2018. Each community will bring a team to participate in presentations and workshops for three days in Denver, Colorado.

More information on the All-America City Award can be found at: www.nationalcivicleague.org/america-city-award/

MEET YOUR CITY COUNCILMEMBERS: Blanche Barajas



Blanche Barajas is one of the newly elected Councilmembers to serve on Council, starting in January, and serves District 1. Blanche was born and raised in the central coast of California, where she lived most of her life, except when she opted to connect with her heritage when, after graduating high school, enrolled in college in Mexico. After living with family until graduation, she returned home to enjoy the

beautiful weather and California beaches. Blanche left again in 2005 when she moved to Washington. Blanche has 2 teenage sons and enjoys spending her time off traveling with them.

Blanche holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration

(1991) and an Associate in Applied Science in Criminal Justice (2013). She currently works for a Not-for-Profit managed care organization and regularly works with underserved and underrepresented individuals throughout the state who lack health services.

Blanche Barajas serves as a volunteer board member with Elijah Family Homes, a mentor for ALAS (Ambassadors of Lakeview Achieving Success) youth, and a mentor with Ignite Youth Mentoring. She is a member of the Latino Professional Leadership group and serves in several youth health awareness coalitions. Most recently she has served as Co-Chair for the Downtown Pasco Cinco de Mayo planning committee and is regularly involved or volunteering to help her community.

You can contact Councilmember Barajas at barajascouncil@pasco-wa.gov or call (509) 545-3404.

MEET YOUR CITY COUNCILMEMBERS: Ruben Alvarado



Council Member Ruben Alvarado was elected to the City Council in November 2017. He serves the communities of District 2.

Ruben Alvarado lives and works in the Tierra Vida community and is married to Evelyn Alvarado whom he met in college in Southern California. They have since uprooted their lives and have fallen in love with the Northwest.

Ruben is passionate about Community Development and has built his experience around service, working specifically in economic mobility, homeownership, community impact, and as a minister.

Ruben is employed at C.A.S.A. LLC as its Community Impact Manager. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Urban and Regional Planning from Cal Poly Pomona as well a certificate in Architecture from East Los Angeles College.

You can contact Councilmember Alvarado at alvaradocouncil@pasco-wa.gov or call (509) 545-3404.

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The Pasco City Council meets every Monday at 7pm (except for 5th Mondays) at City Hall, 525 N. 3rd Ave.
Watch the Council meetings LIVE on PSC-TV Channel 191 on Charter Cable, or on the web at www.pasco-wa.gov/video.
Comments about the Pasco Pulse? Email to communications@pasco-wa.gov



HOLIDAY OBSERVANCE

City offices will be closed

Monday, May 28 for Memorial Day.

For more information about the City, visit our website at www.pasco-wa.gov