



Commissioner Diane Velazquez

Commissioner Diane Velazquez was elected to the Apopka City Council in March 2014. In her private life, Commissioner Velazquez is a retired law enforcement officer.

Commissioner Velazquez has been actively involved in the community since moving to Apopka in April 2005. She is married to Ed Velazquez, who is also a retired law enforcement officer and a Vietnam veteran. One of Commissioner Velazquez's two sons, Samuel, is a police officer and also proudly served overseas with the U.S. Army in Iraq and Afghanistan. As a grandmother, Commissioner Velazquez serves as a volunteer in school and sporting events for her two young grandchildren who live in Central Florida.

As a member of the New York City Police Department, she achieved the rank of Detective 2nd Grade, serving as a medical insurance fraud investigator for the agency. During her career, she attended and successfully completed several investigative courses within the agency. She also attended weekend college courses at Nassau Community College, in Long Island.

Commissioner Velazquez's record of community involvement and service also includes:

- Member, Apopka Charter Review Committee
- Board member, Tri-County League of Cities
- Board member, Lake Apopka Natural Gas District
- Member, Apopka Woman's Club
- Member, Toastmaster's Club of Apopka
- Member, Florida League of Cities
- Member, Tri-County League of Cities, Orange, Seminole, Osceola
- Member, Orange County Public Schools Hispanic Advisory Committee

Since being elected, Commissioner Velazquez has attended the following educational courses and seminars:

- Institute for Elected Municipal Officials (IEMO), Basic Course, June 2014
- Advanced IEMO Elected Officials Course, October 2014
- Florida League of Cities, Legislative Policy Committee, Growth Management and Economic Affairs, October 2014
- IEMO III, Leadership Challenge Course, March 2015
- Orange County Public Schools, Leadership Course, Class 2014-2015

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