

AWC Board of Directors candidate statement

Name

City elected position

Hilda Gonzalez

Mayor

City/Town

Check the Board position for which you are running

Granger

At-Large 4 (Eastern, cities with population less than 5,000 in multi-city districts)

Biographical information and candidate statement:

Please limit your statement to 1,700 characters, which is approximately 250 words. Hand-written statements are not accepted.

I am a first-generation college graduate in my family. I stand on the shoulders of my ancestors who burdened and sacrificed the migration journey from Texas so that I would be less burdened in my journey in life. I have earned four (4) advanced degrees including a Doctor of Educational Leadership from the University of Washington Tacoma. Granger, WA is my hometown and my happy place. The place where I rest my heart and hat at the end of every day. Granger is a small city with a population of approximately 3,700. In 2012, I set a goal of earning my Master of Public Administration from Eastern Washington University specifically to come back home and become the City of Granger Mayor. After 12 years, I finally achieved my goal. I have served the City of Granger since 2016 when I started as a member of the City of Granger Planning Development Commission then as Councilmember Elect in 2020 and now as Mayor Elect as of 2024. My professional experience has primarily been in educational and leadership-21 years. I aspire to continue to be of service to the communities of which I serve and belong to, particularly small cities with populations up to 5,000. As an AWC Board of Directors member I commit to advocating the need for equitable increased access to infrastructure resources, the need for increased awareness of meeting small cities where we are at and increasing invitations to the decision making and collaboration "tables." Lastly, I commit to communicating the importance in the distribution of equitable implementation with legislative initiatives by utilizing appropriate matrix and/or index systems designed and relevant to small cities and our available resources. Thank you!