

# William M. Velasco, II



William M. Velasco, II was born and raised in the Oak Cliff area of Dallas, Texas and graduated from Sunset High School. He attended Texas A&M University at College Station and earned his bachelor's degree in Architectural and Environmental Design in 1978. After graduation he moved back to Dallas and joined the Las Colinas Corporation and worked directly for the Carpenter family who are the owners of the Las Colinas project. He left the project after a number years later and joined the Grand Metropolitan PLC, an English corporation. He was responsible for all profit centers (franchises) in the northeast United States until they were taken over. Mr. Velasco is the owner of Velasco Tax and Financial Services of Dallas and has been in business since 1986 offering tax advice, investment planning, such as IRAs, mutual funds, ROTHs and all forms of insurance services for commercial and personal needs.

Mr. Velasco has held membership and served on the Board of Directors for multiple organizations' over his career. He was the President of La Calle Diez Community Corp. joint effort of the Salesmanship Club and the Real Estate Council of Dallas; leadership program of S.W. of Dallas in 1981; founding member of the largest Historical District in Dallas, Winnetka Heights Historical District; member of the Board of Trustees of Dallas Can Academy! and on the sub-committee for Finance; Board member of Oak Cliff Development Corp.; member of the Dallas Association of Former Students of Texas A&M and Century Club member; member of Oak Cliff Chambers of Commerce and member of the Hispanic Chambers of Commerce.. He was appointed to the Dallas Area Rapid Transit Board from 2001-2017 and was elected Chairman from 2009-2011. Mr. Velasco is a registered representative of the NYSE and Agent for Farmers Insurance. He maintains his license with the Texas Department of Insurance.