



## **Carmen Arrieta-Candelaria**

Chief Financial Officer

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### **Biography**

Carmen Arrieta-Candelaria is the Chief Financial Officer for the City of El Paso, Texas. El Paso is located in far west Texas and is the nineteenth largest City in the United States. Her present responsibilities include the oversight of a budget of over \$693 million. She has served in this capacity for the City for over seven years and has worked extensively in the governmental sector throughout her career. She is a native New Mexican and graduated from New Mexico State University (NMSU) with a Bachelors Degree in Accounting and a Masters Degree in Business Administration also from NMSU. Since 1993, she has been certified as a Certified Public Accountant in Texas.

In February 2011, Carmen was appointed by the Mayor of El Paso to the El Paso Fireman and Policeman's Pension Board. She also serves as the Treasurer for the local chapter of the Association of Governmental Accountants. She is also a member of the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants and the Government Finance Officers Association.

In addition to her professional achievements, she is engaged in her community and volunteers her time for various causes such as the El Paso Chapter of the YWCA and the Center Against Family Violence. Carmen is married to Dennis Candelaria and has three children, Andrew, Santiago and Xóchitl.