

Raymond H. Gonzales has over 22 years of experience encompassing nearly every level of government administration. After starting his career with the U.S. Peace Corps, his roles spanned increasing responsibility from the U.S. Department of Labor to New Mexico's Deputy Cabinet Secretary under the leadership of Governor Bill Richardson.

Although he found great success fortifying these agencies, his heart was in his hometown. Following his passion, Raymond returned to his hometown of Brighton to continue his family legacy as a third-generation resident of [Adams County, Colorado](#). He currently serves as County Manager for Adams County, the 5<sup>th</sup> largest county, serving 515,000 residents, and one of the fastest growing counties in the state. Raymond oversees a budget of approximately \$600 million that provides direct services for the community through four core service areas:

- Strategic Leadership & Planning
- Community Infrastructure & Development Services
- Community Services & Public Involvement
- People & Culture Services & Administrative Operations

One of Raymond's proudest achievements is a newly dedicated People & Culture Services department, where he oversees the empowerment of over 2,500 employees and their personal impact, influence, and inspiration regardless of title or designation. He also oversaw the creation and licensing of Colorado Air and Space Port in Adams County, which has attracted national and international companies to become a technological and economic hub in the area. An ever-industrious conductor, Raymond continuously strives for organizational improvement and premier delivery of public art and opportunities to accentuate the culture of an ever-increasing innovative and inclusive community.

In addition to his challenging role leading Adams County, Raymond serves as the Vice President of the Mountain Plains region of the [International City/County Manager's Association Executive Board](#), as the President of the [Local Government Hispanic Network Board of Directors](#), and as the Vice-Chair of the [Scientific and Cultural Facilities District](#).