



**Alejandro J. García-Padilla**  
**Governor of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico**

Born in Coamo on August 3, 1971. His father, a veteran of World War II, worked his way up, at one point holding down a job as a bulldozer driver, until he retired as the general manager of a manufacturing plant. Alejandro's mother, a dedicated homemaker, still lives in the same three-room family home where she raised six children through good times and bad. He is married to Wilma Pastrana and is the proud father of two boys, Juan Pablo and Diego Alejandro, and one girl, Ana Patricia.

After going through college and law school in Puerto Rico, Alejandro clerked on the Appellate Circuit, served as a legislative aide, directed the Association of General Contractors and practiced law at a well-reputed firm, focusing on contracts and real estate. He also took a teaching job at Inter-American University Law School and was a panelist on a highly-rated AM talk radio show.

He went on to serve as Secretary of the Department of Consumer Affairs, where he championed the rights of ordinary Puerto Ricans. His work kept gas prices in check during critical periods of the Iraq War, with the Commonwealth having the lowest prices of any U.S. jurisdiction, despite international turmoil and the higher costs of bringing fuel to an island market.

In 2008, Alejandro was elected to the Commonwealth Legislature with the most votes of any senator from either party. During his time at the Capitol, he reached across the aisle to pass important bills providing scholarships for university students, economic development incentives and pension benefits for the widows of police officers killed in action. A prolific body of bills, most of them stalled due to partisan bickering, would promote job creation, innovative solutions to Puerto Rico's crime wave and the defense of consumer rights.

In 2011, after announcing his intention to run for Governor of Puerto Rico, he was unanimously elected President of the Popular Democratic Party. During his tenure he has refocused the Party behind a message of hope and growth, has led an effective opposition and has united the leadership in rejecting a rigged status plebiscite pushed forward by the party in power.

As Governor, Alejandro will dedicate himself to restoring safe streets for every family and to putting Puerto Ricans back to work, by promoting private investment and entrepreneurship. He's driven by the very basic value that a Governor should stand by average folks and fight for their rights and opportunities for growth.