

Ed Pastor was born on June 28, 1943 to Enrique and Margarita Pastor in the small mining community of Claypool, Arizona. As the oldest of three children, Ed was the first member of his family to attend college; graduating from Arizona State University in 1966 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Chemistry.



With a solid education and a commitment to giving back to his community, Ed Pastor became a teacher at North High School where he taught chemistry and later went on to serve as the Deputy Director of the Guadalupe Organization Inc., a non-profit, community-based organization. Ed Pastor's work with students, families, and seniors motivated him to enroll in the College of Law at ASU where he received his Juris Doctorate in 1974.

Following law school, Ed joined Governor Raul Castro's staff where he enforced the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to ensure that every worker had an equal opportunity to work in a discrimination-free environment. In 1976, Ed Pastor was elected to the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors where he served three terms before resigning in May of 1991 to run for the Congressional seat vacated by the late Mo Udall. In the fall of 1991, Ed Pastor was elected to Congress to serve the people of what was then Arizona's Second Congressional District. After the 2000 Census, he represented the Fourth District; and as a result of the 2010 Census, he currently represents the Seventh Congressional District of Arizona.

Since his election, Congressman Pastor has served on the House Appropriations Committee, the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, the Education and Labor Committee, and the Committee on Small Business. He also has served as a Chief Deputy Whip. Currently in the 113th Congress, Ed serves on the House Appropriations Committee and sits on three subcommittees: the Subcommittee of Energy and Water Development; the Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies - where he is the Ranking Democratic Member; and the Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government. He also was appointed to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence in the 113th Congress. Ed also serves on the Democratic Steering and Policy Committee.

Ed Pastor also served on the Board of Directors of Neighborhood Housing Services of America, National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials, National Job Corps Alumni

Association, Kids Voting Arizona, and serves as Honorary Director to Timber Trails Children's Project, Inc.

Ed is married to Verma Mendez Pastor. The couple has raised two daughters, Yvonne and Laura, and are the proud grandparents of Alexis, Frank, Eduardo and Sophia.