

PAT BATES

A History of Accomplishment for the People of Orange County

Pat Bates has a well-earned reputation as one of Orange County's most accomplished public servants. She was the driving force behind Laguna Niguel's campaign for cityhood and became its first Mayor upon the City's incorporation in 1989. She served four terms as Mayor and then continued serving as a City Council Member until her election to the State Assembly in 1998. After completing three successful terms as State Assemblywoman for the 73rd Assembly District, Pat was elected to the Orange County Board of Supervisors in 2006 by the voters of the Fifth District.

Pat's role as a member of the City Council provided her with many opportunities to serve the community on both a local and regional level, including Chair of the San Joaquin Hills Transportation Corridor Agency Board of Directors and Vice-Chair of the El Toro Reuse Planning Authority (ETRPA), the leading governmental entity in the 10 year fight against El Toro Airport.

In 1998, Pat ran for the State Assembly and was elected overwhelmingly by the people of the 73rd Assembly District. In the Assembly, she served as Vice-Chair of the Assembly Appropriations and Assembly Health Committee; and was the founding Chair of the Republican Women's Caucus – leading the Caucus' outreach program to inspire women across California to become more involved in the development of public policy. While serving in the Assembly, Pat was appointed to the prestigious Little Hoover Commission; and Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger appointed her to serve on his historic California Performance Review Commission – responsible for providing recommendations on reforming State Government and its operations.

In the Assembly, Pat was known as a consensus builder – able to bring people together and get things done for the good of the state and her district. Pat worked diligently to make our communities safer and more livable. Her legislative accomplishments include measures that require sex offenders to register with campus police when they enroll or work on a college campus, provide greater protections against child abduction, child abuse, and domestic violence; and a call for fair and reasonable decision-making procedures in homeowner associations.

Working closely with city and county leaders, she successfully authored legislative measures broadening Orange County's eligibility for critical transportation dollars and safeguarding the voting rights of our service men and women overseas.

Additionally, she tirelessly advocated for tougher penalties for the sale and use of the club drug Ecstasy, the expansion of criminal background checks for in-home caregivers to protect seniors and the disabled, and championed measures seeking to grant public colleges and universities the authority to authorize and oversee new charter schools – a measure that is now touted by experts across the nation as fundamental to increasing quality and choice in public education.

On January 9, 2007, Pat was sworn-in as Supervisor for Orange County's Fifth District by former Supervisor Marian Bergeson before an audience of hundreds of supporters.

As only the fourth woman ever elected to the Orange County Board of Supervisors, Pat looks forward to honoring pledges made to Fifth District voters during her run for office. These include:

- Calling upon her colleagues on the Board and in Sacramento to work together to implement regulations and procedures that shorten the timeline for delivery of transportation projects; and ensure the projects programmed in Measure M for traffic congestion relief move forward with urgency.
- Working in unison with her fellow board members in implementing pension and retiree medical liability reduction measures; and working with staff in developing equitable and affordable compensation packages that allow the County to continue to attract the best and brightest employees who are rewarded for quality performance.
- Protecting our coastal environment – essential to maintaining Orange County's quality of life – and continuing the Orange County Coastal Coalition in partnership with Supervisor Moorlach.

In addition to serving as Supervisor for Orange County's beautiful Fifth District, Pat is also proud to have been appointed with the support of her colleagues on the Board of Supervisors to the following Boards, Commissions and Committees for 2007.

Pat Bates began her professional career as a social caseworker in South Central Los Angeles. She left County service to join her husband in establishing his architecture practice in Orange County. Pat continues to serve as administrative partner in the family-owned business.

Pat has extensive experience in community volunteer activities and as an elected official in local government.

A native of Southern California, Pat grew up in Long Beach and moved to South Orange County in 1978. She is married to Architect John Bates. Pat and John have two adult children, and four grandchildren.