

About Marty Blum

Mayor, City of Santa Barbara, California



Marty Blum was reelected Mayor of Santa Barbara in November 2005 after serving a four-year term. Prior to that, she served on the City Council for six years and on the City Planning Commission for six years. She has served on standing committees of the League of California Cities and the National League of Cities, and Marty currently serves on two standing committees of the U.S. Conference of Mayors and is the Co-Chair of their Sustainability Task Force.

Marty is a former President of the Santa Barbara Teachers Association, and received a California Teachers Association award for her political activism in the teaching profession. She also served as President of the Santa Barbara Public Education Fund, the League of Women Voters of Santa Barbara, and was on the founding board of the Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee. She is a recipient of a Soroptimist International Woman of Distinction Award.

Currently, she serves on the boards of directors of Antioch University, Partners in Education, and the Fighting Back Steering Committee. She is a member of the Mayors for Peace and received a medal from Veterans for Peace.

Born in Illinois, Marty met her husband, Joe, at Purdue University. They were married on graduation day, 1964. They settled in Santa Barbara in 1968 when Marty began her teaching and community work. In 1976, Marty returned to school, earning a JD degree from Loyola Marymount University where she has been named a Distinguished Alumni. Marty practiced law in Santa Barbara, first at Legal Aid Foundation, then privately.

Marty and Joe have three children, Cheri, Rick and Ryan, and three grandchildren. Joe Blum is a physician with the Veterans Administration Clinic.

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- Elected:*** Mayor, City of Santa Barbara, 2001 and 2005
Santa Barbara City Council 1995 and again in 1999
- Appointed:*** U.S. Conference of Mayors Amtrak Intercity Rail
Investment Task Force, 2005
U.S. Conference of Mayors Amtrak Reauthorization Task
Force, 2004
National League of Cities
Information and Technology Committee, 1999, 2000
Transportation Committee 2001
League of California Cities
Administrative Services Committee 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000
Santa Barbara Planning Commission 1990-1995
- President:*** Santa Barbara Teachers Association 1999, 2000
Public Education Foundation
League of Women Voters
Tri-County Task Force on the Environment
Citizens for Better Schools
Monroe School PTA
Oaks Parent-Child Workshop
- Officer:*** Women's Political Committee founding board
Youth Symphony of Santa Barbara
La Cumbre Middle School PTA
- Current:*** Fighting Back Steering Committee
Partners in Education board
- Education:*** Bachelor of Arts, Education and Math, Purdue
Masters of Arts, Education and Math, UCLA
Juris Doctor, Loyola Marymount University
- Career:*** Elementary School teacher
Attorney, private practice
- Family:*** Married 1964, Joe Blum, VA Clinic internist
Three children: Cheri, Rick, Ryan; and three grandchildren:
Joey, Alice and Silas