



CAMILLA TOWNSEND

Commissioner, Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners

A native Angeleno and a 25-year San Pedro resident, Camilla Townsend was appointed to the Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners by Mayor James K. Hahn and confirmed by Los Angeles City Council on July 25, 2001. She was reappointed in 2004, and her current term as Harbor Commissioner expires in 2009.

As commissioner, her responsibility is to oversee the management and operations of the nation's busiest port. She also serves as co-chair of the Port of Los Angeles Community Advisory Committee, a standing committee of the Board that engages community response and participation related to Port development.

Townsend was appointed to the Los Angeles Commission for Children, Youth and their Families in 1999 by Mayor Richard Riordan. She maintained advocacy for childcare, youth development and violence prevention in her role as commissioner.

An educator for more than 40 years, Townsend has taught at the high school, adult school and college levels. She was an assistant professor of education in the graduate schools of California State University, Los Angeles; California Lutheran College; Loyola Marymount University and UCLA Extension School. Now retired, she worked for the Los Angeles Unified School District for 38 years; serving as a teacher, administrator to the Deputy Superintendent of Schools and as former principal of Harbor Community Adult School.

Her extensive community involvement has resulted in the creation of the annual San Pedro Teen Conference and the Harbor area's Parent Education and Family Literacy Programs. She served as San Pedro's Honorary Mayor from 1997 to 1999.

Currently, Townsend serves on the board of directors of the San Pedro Peninsula Chamber of Commerce and the Harbor area's Parent Education and Family Literacy Programs. Currently, Townsend serves on the board of directors of the San Pedro Peninsula Chamber of Commerce and is chair of its Business Education Arts Committee. She is also active with the Boys & Girls Clubs of San Pedro and Harbor City/Harbor Gateway.

Townsend is the recipient of numerous honors, including:

- Being voted "Honorary Mayor of San Pedro" in 1997, and serving two years in the capacity.

- Awarded the title "Adult Education Administrator of the Year" in 1997 by the Association of California School Administrators.
- Named "Woman of the Year" by then-Assemblyman Alan Lowenthal of the 54th District in 1999.
- Named "pioneer Woman of the Year" in 1999 by then-Councilman Rudy Svorinich of the 15th Los Angeles Council District.
- Named "Outstanding Woman of the Year" in 2004 by State Senator Betty Karnette.

Townsend holds a Master of Arts in educational administration from California State University, Los Angeles and a Bachelor of Arts in communications from Immaculate Heart College in Los Angeles. In addition, she has both teaching and administrative credentials from the State of California.

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