

In Memoriam

Pat Figueroa

Quota International of Mountain View, California, United States

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The City of Mountain View announced Wednesday that Figueroa passed away on Friday, June 24, at the age of 73.

The community and City organization were saddened to learn of the loss of former Councilmember and Mayor, Pat Figueroa, who passed away surrounded by family on Friday, June 24 at the age of 73. She is survived by her husband John, her two sons Michael (Virginia) and Eric (Joanna), and her three grandchildren Benjamin, Zachary and Elisabeth.

From the moment that she stepped up in 1979 to fill an open Council seat, Figueroa demonstrated her love for her City of Mountain View in everything that she did. She was an inspiration to colleagues and members of the community in serving nearly 18 years as a Councilmember (1979-1988, 1990-1999), including two terms as Mayor (1982, 1995). "Pat was dedicated to her community in so many ways," said Councilmember Mike Kasperzak, who served with Figueroa. "Not only did she serve four terms on the City Council, Chair the VTA and lead the Sister Cities Program for years, she also contributed in other ways, including service to

the American Red Cross. Pat was an inspiration to me from my earliest days as a young Red Cross volunteer, hearing her stories of the City Council and her travels to Japan and Belgium with Sister Cities. Mountain View has truly lost a remarkable leader."

During her four terms on Council, Figueroa was committed to improving the quality of life for residents of Mountain View. While many may remember that she was instrumental in the creation of Shoreline Park, she continued to be focused on providing opportunities for recreational programs, parks facilities and building strong, cohesive neighborhoods – not just for current residents, but generations to come, including downtown revitalization and increasing support for youth programs. She also cut the ribbon on City Hall, the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, the City Library and several parks and trails. In addition, she was part of the team that brought the unique landmark, Shoreline Amphitheatre, to Mountain View.

"What I remember most about Pat was that she was welcoming to everyone," said current Mayor, Pat Showalter. "She was about including all members of the community, embracing other cultures and empowering women. I remember her as a bridge – transitioning the old into the new and bringing people together to create a strong and diverse community. She was such a major contributor and a vibrant personality, who will be greatly missed."

In addition to her time on Council, Figueroa is well-known in the community as the former president of the Mountain View Historical Association and the Sister Cities Association of Mountain View, bringing the gift of a Zen Garden from Iwata, Japan to provide serenity in our very own Pioneer Park. She was also a 30-year member of one of the oldest international service organizations for women Quota International (Mountain View/Los Altos Chapter), serving most recently as one of twenty worldwide Regional Governors from 2014-2016. In addition she worked on a number of projects to help families through the Community Services Agency.

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