



Alice Patino
Mayor
City of Santa Maria



Alice Patino has dedicated decades of service to Santa Maria in many ways, as the City's first female Mayor, as a City Councilmember, as an educator, and on numerous nonprofit organization boards

She began her career as a teacher, then a board member in the Santa Maria Joint Union High School District, and holds various leadership positions with the City of Santa Maria. She grew up in Santa Maria, and attended Allan Hancock College, later transferring to San Jose State.

She became the first female Mayor in Santa Maria's history in the November 2012 election, and was re-elected in November 2016. She has served on the City Council since 2000 (by appointment), then was elected in 2002.

Her community service activities are numerous. She was named "Elks Citizen of the Year" in March 2019 for her work as a youth advocate. She has served in the Rotary Club of Santa Maria, the Minerva Club, Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce, Santa Maria Valley Republicans, Santa Maria Valley Beautiful, California Women for Agriculture, was Secretary for California High School Rodeo Association District 7, is a Board Member of Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley, and is on the Marian Medical Foundation Board.

Mrs. Patino was a teacher from 1972 to 1982 with the Santa Maria-Bonita School District. Starting in 1976, she served until 1991 on the Santa Maria Joint Union High School Board. The major issue was to find cost-effective ways of enlarging the existing school campuses and identifying new properties for building new schools.

From 1994 to 2002 she was a member of the Marian Medical Foundation and as Board president, together with an excellent team of Board members, raised nearly \$1 million for critically needed programs.

She served as a Code Compliance Board Member for the City from 1997 to 1999 and was appointed to the City Council in 2000. A top priority is addressing neighborhood concerns and law enforcement. From 1998 to 2009, she was the Administrative Assistant/Field Representative for Fourth District County Supervisor Joni Gray.

Alice has been married to John Patino for more than 50 years and they have two sons, both of whom are in the Ag industry; four grandchildren and all four are involved in rodeo.

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