

IRENE TOVAR

EDUCATION

- CSUN, Master in Public Administration (earned 9 units) in progress.
- California State University, Northridge, Bachelor of Arts, 1969.
- Los Angeles Valley College, Association of Arts, 1960.

EMPLOYMENT

- CEO, Latin American Civic Association, April 1993 to present.
- Member, Public Employment Relation Board, January 1981-1985.
- President and Vice-President, State Personnel Board, January 1974 - 1979.
- Special Assistant to Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr., 1978-1981.

CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

- President, California State University of Northridge Alumni Association, 2002 - Present.
- Chairperson, of Los Angeles Mission College Prop A Citizens Oversight Committee, July 2001 - Present.
- Vice Chair, Los Angeles City Council Citizens' Oversight Committee for Public Safety 2002 - Present.
- Member, Comision Femenil of San Fernando Valley Chapter, 1998-Present.
- Member, Los Angeles Mission College Community Advisory Council, 1976 - Present.
- Member, Latino Advisory Committee to LAPD Chief Bernard Parks, 1992 - Present.
- Past Commissioner, Los Angeles City Redistricting Commission, October 17, 2001 - April 1, 2002.
- Past Member, LAPD Police Commission Christopher Commission Reform Task Force, 1996-1998.
- Past Member, Rebuild L.A. Board of Directors, 1992 to 1997.
- Co-Founder, Latin American Civic Association (LACA) 1960; President 1965-1967.
- Founder, San Fernando Valley Neighborhood Legal Services 1966.
- Past President and Vice-President, Los Angeles City Civil Service Commission, 1973-1976.
- Past Member, State of California Advisory Commission on Compensatory Education, 1968-1970.
- Past member, National Women Political Caucus, Valley Chapter, 1976-90.
- Past member, Pacoima Enterprise Zone.
- Past Board Member, United Way (N.E.C.A.P. Past Co-Chair, Human Services Committee), 1989-1992.
- Past Vice Chair, Pacoima Coordinating Council, 1992-1993.

AWARD

- “Community Service Award” L.A. Community College Board of Trustees - March 10, 2004.
- “Adelante Eagle Award” June 23, 2001.
- “Pioneer Women” L.A. City Council March 30, 2001.
- Distinguished Alumni Award, CSUN 2000.
- Women of the Year, Comision Femenil 1999.
- Women of the Year - LA County Commission on the Status of Women 1998.
- KLVE 107.5 FM, KSCA 101.9 FM, and sister talk station 10 Δ 20 AM Feria de la Mujer (Women’s Fair) “Outstanding Latina of the Year” Award, February 14, 1999.
- L.A. Times “Newsmaker for 1999”.
- The Cuauhtémoc Award, USC “El Centro Chicano” March 28, 1998.
- CSUN School of Social and Behavioral Science selected her Alumna of the Year 1997 (May 1997).
- Vista L.A., Channel 7, selected features her as one of the Outstanding Latinas on July 1997.
- Recipient of Dr. Ruth Temple Award, L.A County Department of Public Health, 1995.
- Women of the Year Award (1977–1983).
Hispanic Women Council
G.I. Forum
Latin American Civic Association (Women’s Auxiliary)
- California Assembly Commendation, Community Service, 1981.
- Congressional Commendation for Community Service, 1980.
- Chicano Advocates for Fair Employment - Affirmative Action Award, 1980.
- Los Angeles City Council President’s Civic Award, 1979.
- Mexican American Legal Defense Fund and Education Fund, Employment Award, 1977.
- Los Angeles City Employee Chicano Association Recognition Award, 1975.
- I.M.A.G.E. – Employment and Affirmative Action Award, 1975.

ACHIEVEMENT

- Special Assistant to Governor - Assisted in the largest appointment of Chicanos and Chicanas to major State Boards and Commissions, including the first Chicano to the California Supreme Court Justice Cruz Reynoso.
- ✓ • Creator and organizer of the 1st Governor’s Chicana Issues Conference in 1980 with 2,000 Chicanas attending at U.S.C.
- Administered the federal Headstart program for 1400 low-income pre-schooler and by reorganizing the program met the federal standards. This removed the program from “risk management.”