



CAROLYN V. CAVECCHIE

Mayor

Term: 2008-2010

Having grown up in Orange County, Carolyn and her husband Rick chose Orange as the community to purchase their first home and start a family. Now long-term residents with three children, they couldn't think of a better place to call home. Carolyn loves the "small-town" feel of Orange and is dedicated to preserving the high quality of life we enjoy here.

A graduate of California State University, Long Beach with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Microbiology, Carolyn first became active in Orange City government when she asked City Hall to pass an ordinance restricting the display of "Matter Harmful to Minors" in local stores. That led to an appointment on the City's Community Video Advisory Board. She continued to work for the families of Orange on library issues, serving 7 years on the Orange Public Library Board of Trustees. Carolyn is a graduate of Leadership Orange and the Orange Citizens Police Academy. She served on the Board of Directors for the Friends of the Orange Public Library, as a local coordinator and speaker for "MOPS", and as the People Columnist for the Orange City News.

Carolyn was first elected to the Orange City Council in June 2001. Re-elected in November 2002, she served as Mayor pro tem from 2003 until 2006. She was elected Mayor in November of 2006 and then re-elected Mayor in 2008. Carolyn ran for office because she felt families needed better representation at City Hall. She has been an advocate for parks, libraries and increased public safety. Since being elected, Carolyn has developed a strong interest in infrastructure and public works needs. She serves on the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Board of Directors, serving as Chairman of the Board in 2007, and has represented the City of Orange on the Orange County Sanitation District, the Santa Ana River Flood Protection Agency and the Orange County Emergency Medical Care Committee.

Mayor Cavecche believes government's core mission is to provide strong public safety and meet the community's infrastructure needs in a fiscally sound manner, always being responsible to the taxpayer.

Carolyn received the Orange Chamber of Commerce's 2007 "Commerce Award" for exceptional economic development results. She was named the *2007 Woman of the Year* by the Orange County Women in Transportation Seminar, and the "2007 Elected Official of the Year" for the State of California by the California Transportation Foundation. In 2008, Carolyn was named one of "20 Women to Watch in Orange County" by OC Metro Business Magazine. Mobility 21, the leading Southern California transportation coalition, named Mayor Cavecche the "2009 Transportation Leader of the Year".