



TERESA "TITA" SMITH

Mayor pro tem

Term: 2008-2012

Teresa "Tita" Smith has served on the Orange Planning Commission since 1992. A seventh generation native Californian, Smith was born at St. Joseph's Hospital. Tita is a lifelong resident of the City of Orange, which her family has called home for 5 generations. She has been married 36 years to Bill Smith, and has four children: Angela, Luke, Nathan and Patrick and two grandchildren. Smith attended Holy Family School in Orange and Mater Del High School where she graduated with honors in 1965. Tita was in the first freshman class of the University of California Irvine where she obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Social Science in 1970. She earned her Masters Degree at USC in 1992. Smith first became involved in city government two decades ago when she founded the Old Towne Preservation Association (OTPA) to prevent demolition of the historic neighborhood. She was appointed to the Orange Centennial Committee in 1988 and the East Orange Advisory Committee in 1990. As a result of her work, she was nominated to serve on the Planning Commission in 1992 and was the chairperson for two years.

Her other services include Pitcher Park Community Foundation, 27 year Orange International Street Faire volunteer, All American Street President, YWCA Advisory Board, Orange Public Library Community Liaison, Holiday Hope Committee and various fundraising endeavors throughout Orange. Smith was the Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry at Holy Family Cathedral from 1978-1992.

Tita ran for City Council because her heart belongs to Orange. She is fully invested in Orange and committed to the success of our City, and is an experienced community leader.