

## Barbara Spector Biography

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My husband and I are long-term residents of Los Gatos. Shortly after moving here, this beautiful town inspired me to become involved in community affairs, leading to my appointment to the Los Gatos Planning Commission and to my election to the Los Gatos Town Council.

I am a California native and hold the following degrees and credentials:

- B.A., English, University of California at Berkeley
- Secondary and Community College Teaching Credentials, San Jose State University
- M.A., Political Science, San Jose State University
- J.D., magna cum laude, University of Santa Clara School of Law
- Harvard Law School, Mediator Certification
- Harvard Law School, Negotiation Certification

My professional career includes teaching English and Political Science, and the practice of law. As an attorney, I am currently Special Counsel to the law firm of Hoge, Fenton, Jones & Appel, where my practice emphasizes civil litigation and mediation. I am regularly appointed by state and federal courts as a judge pro tem, special master, judicial arbitrator and mediator. My peers have voted me "Super Lawyer" three times, and my volunteer services to the legal profession and the community have earned me the Bar Association's highest honor, the Bryl Salsman Award. I have also received the YWCA's TWIN Award, which recognizes outstanding businesswomen in industry, and a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Santa Clara County Trial Lawyers' Association.

My community service includes two terms on the Los Gatos Planning Commission, where we established new zoning ordinances including the Hillside Plan, the Downtown Specific Plan, and a revised General Plan to protect our hillsides, historic homes, neighborhoods and local businesses.

As a member of the Los Gatos Town Council, I have served 3 terms as Mayor. I have also represented the town on regional bodies including the Association of Bay Area Government General Assembly, the Guadalupe West Valley Water Shed Advisory Committee, the Santa Clara Valley Water District Commission, the Housing and Community Development Advisory Committee, and the Santa Clara County Cities Association City Selection Committee. Additionally, I have participated in committees working on Town Council policy, the General Plan, town finance, conceptual development, the North 40, Highway 9, parking and infrastructure.

All I do for our town is a product of the passion I have for our community, a passion that is as true today as it was in 1915 when Sunset magazine wrote this passage:

*"To see Los Gatos is to love the town. To enjoy the privilege of a few days' or weeks' stay within the gates of that beautiful city . . . is to wish to come again. And to become a permanent resident is to lie in paradise, if such there be on this earth."*