

DR. SANDRA E. THOMAS.

Altadena Town Council

YOUR VOICE IN THE COMMUNITY

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Dr. Thomas, a resident of Altadena for 36 years is known as a leader who gets the job done. She is a community advocate who firmly believes that economic challenges should never overshadow achievement. Because of her dedication to that philosophy and love of community, she is considered to be one of the most highly regarded and respected voices in Altadena. As a citizen of Altadena, Dr. Thomas's involvements have been immeasurable and imperative. In 2004 she founded the Quality of Life Center, Inc., where she serves as Dean to Pasadena Unified School District's (PUSD) more than 500 highest academic achievers currently in the Bright Futures Scholars Leadership Development Program.

To list a few of her achievements: In 2010, Dr. Sandra E. Thomas received the LA County Women's Commission's "Woman of the Year Award" for the 5th district. In 2009, she received the "Los Angeles County Love of Children Award" and the "Annual Gold Plate Humanitarian Award." In 2008 Dr. Thomas was granted the "California Humanitarian and Family Values Award." She was selected Altadena California "Citizen of the Year" for 2007. Congressman Adam Schiff selected Dr. Sandra E. Thomas for 2005 "Congressional Woman of the Year." In 2004 she was the NAACP California State President Award Recipient. The Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. named her recipient of their "Community Political Awareness Award" in 2003. Dr. Thomas was chosen PUSD's "Outstanding Mother of the Year" in 1979 as well as Pasadena High School's "Mother of the Year" in 1980.

Dr. Sandra E. Thomas, a 5 term Altadena Councilmember and Life Member of the Altadena NAACP, held the title of the NAACP Altadena Branch President for four years, served three terms as NAACP California State Director, several years as an NAACP National Trainer, currently sits on the NAACP California State Executive Committee as chair of community coordination. Dr. Thomas has been active in the NAACP since 1952. For 6 consecutive years, she hosted the NAACP Today TV Show, and for the last 9 years has hosted the Quality of Life Today TV Show, focusing on issues in Altadena and the surrounding areas. Other community involvements include: Altadena Sheriff's Clergy Council, Altadena Chamber of Commerce, League of Women Voters, Altadena Crown City Kiwanis-Past President, Altadena Community Center Board of Directors – Past President, and the National Congress of Black Women, Los Angeles Chapter, current Vice President.

Dr. Sandra E. Thomas, a member of the National Congress of Black Women since 2010 serving in various leadership positions, has recently been selected to serve on the Commission for the United States Presidential Appointment of African American Women. This commission canvasses the United States to identify African American women to recommend for high level quality positions within the presidential administration and creates a talent bank of highly qualified African American women for top political appointments.

Dr. Thomas is also the second African-American woman ever appointed to the Los Angeles County Human Relations Commission and recently "termed out" as president in June 2011. Her appointment as Commissioner was a culmination of a lifetime of service to the community. Supervisor Michael Antonovich said, "She is a very effective addition to the Los Angeles County Human Relations Commission." Thomas remains the 5th District's vice president.

Her educational background includes: a BA in psychology, MA in engineering and a PhD in Psychological Counseling. Dr. Thomas's professional talents have benefited all in the communication industry where she was employed as an engineer for 46 years. In 1968, she created what is now known as the 1-"800" toll free telephone system.

Dr. Thomas has often been the unseen force encouraging groups, community leaders and local business owners to unite and focus on saving our community. She is a visionary who has created and developed programs geared to improving the quality of life for all people. Dr. Thomas always has a smile, a big hug and a kind word for all who pass her way. She is a true example of how one committed person, dedicated to her community, with a heart for service, has made a difference for all the people of Altadena.

In July of 2011, Dr. Sandra E. Thomas became the first African American female elected by unanimous vote to Altadena's highest office, Chairperson of the council, at the Altadena Town Council meeting. While serving as chair, Dr. Thomas also designed Altadena's first official flag, which was raised on Sunday, April 21, 2012 and now flies over many official buildings in Altadena.

In 2013, Dr. Sandra E Thomas and the Quality of Life Center, Inc. received the esteemed Los Angeles County Fifth District John Anson Ford Human Relations Award for service to academically gifted and economically challenged youth and their families in the Pasadena/Altadena area.

In 2014, Dr. Thomas was an Honoree of the New Revelation MBC 47th Pastoral Anniversary "A Time to Honor" Pastor's Wives Banquet.

In 2016, Dr. Sandra E. Thomas was inducted as a Life Member into the National Tuskegee Airman Association.

Dr. Sandra E. Thomas is the widow of Pastor Emeritus A. Douglas Thomas, who pastored the Lincoln Avenue Baptist Church of Pasadena for 28 years. As a very active member of Lincoln, Dr. Thomas served as a youth counselor for 26 years. She also taught the Stewardship class in the New Membership Department for 20 years, sang in the Gospel Choir as well as served on the Usher Board, receiving her 50+ years of service pin in 1998. Currently Dr. Thomas is a member of the Metropolitan Baptist Church in Altadena, where her husband was a member for 67 years. At Metropolitan, Dr. Thomas is a church Trustee and also serves on the official Mothers Board of the church. She is the proud mother of three: Rosalyn (Melvis), Vincent (Sandy) and Michael Sr. (Felicia). She is the grandmother of six; Alexandria, Michael Jr., Victoria, Nicole, Ciera and Vincent Jr.

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I AM DR. SANDRA E. THOMAS AND I FEEL THAT MY LOVE FOR ALTADENA AND MY FORTY YEARS OF SERVICE TO ALTADENA QUALIFIES ME TO SERVE AGAIN AS COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE FOR CENSUS TRACT 4603-02. I ENJOY WORKING ALL OVER THE COMMUNITY AND HAVE LISTED A FEW OF MY INVOLVEMENTS BELOW: REFERT TO THE OTHER SIDE FOR MY BIO. THERE IS MUCH TO DO AND I AM YOUR PERSON TO GET IT DONE

1. ALTADENA SERVICE INVOLVEMENTS: (NOT IN ANY PARTICULAR ORDER)
2. RESIDENT OF ALTADENA FOR 40 YEARS.
3. ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL MEMBER FOR 5 TERMS.
4. CHAIR OF ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL FOR 2 TERMS.
5. ALTADENA LAND USE COMMITTEE FOR 5 YEARS.
6. ALTADENA CITIZEN OF THE YEAR.
7. ALTADENA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
8. CURRENTLY RE-ESTABLISHING THE ALTADENA YOUTH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.
9. ALTADENA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MOTHER OF THE YEAR 1979.
10. PASADENA HIGH SCHOOL MOTHER OF THE YEAR 1978.
11. DESIGNED THE ALTADENA FLAG THAT OFFICIALLY FLIES OVER ALTADENA CALIFORNIA.
12. WORKED WITH ALL POLITICAL LEADERS FROM ALTADENA TO WASHINGTON DC.
13. ALTADENA COMMUNITY CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS (SINCE BUILDING OPENED). SERVED AS CHAIR.
14. HOSTED LOCAL TV SHOW IN ALTADENA FOR 15 YEARS FOCUSING ON ALTADENA ISSUES.
15. SERVED ON THE ALTADENA SHERIFFS CLERGY COUNCIL.
16. 5 YEAR MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF BLACK WOMEN-PARLIAMENTARIAN.
17. LOS ANGELES COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION 15 YEARS-SERVED AS CHAIR (TERMED OUT) SERVED AS VICE CHAIR UNTIL PRESENTAPPOINTED BY SUPV MICHAEL D ANTONOVICH-RECENTLY REAPPOINTED BY SUPV KATHRYN BARGER.
18. MEMBER OF METROPOLITAN BAPTIST CHURCH IN ALTADENA. SERVED AS TRUSTEE AND AM AN OFFICIAL MOTHER OF THE BAPTIST CHURCH.
19. ASSISTED WITH MANY ALTADENA DEVELOPMENTS.
20. PAST PRESIDENT OF THE ALTADENA CROWN CITY KIWANNIS.
21. PAST PRESIDENT OF THE PASADENA ALTADENA COMMUNITY COALITION.
22. WORKED WITH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON ON ISSUES EFFECTING ALTADENA.
23. ALTADENA HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
24. ALTADENA HERITAGE.
25. 65 YEAR LIFE MEMBER OF THE NAACP.
26. PAST PRESIDENT OF THE ALTADENA NAACP.
27. CURRENTLY, SINCE 2004 CEO/DEAN OF THE WORLD-RENOWNED QUALITY OF LIFE CENTER, INC. BRIGHT FUTURES SCHOLARS (INSTRUCTING THOUSANDS OF
28. PUSD'S ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS IN LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT).