

## 2010 GOVERNOR'S HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS

### Lorie Garcia



The City of Santa Clara named Lorie Garcia City Historian in 2004, an honorary title bestowed on her for 25 years of work dedicated to discovering, exposing, and preserving the city's history. Ms. Garcia has held a number of appointed government positions and served on the boards of numerous community-based organizations, focusing her service on historic preservation. She shares the message of preservation and her love of history with the public through lectures, walking tours, writings, public meetings, and publications.

As an example of Lorie Garcia's talent at connecting disparate pieces of history into a cohesive pattern, she combined the history of a local village—Agnews—with a world-renowned event—the 1906 San Francisco Earthquake. When the State decided to sell the land of the former Agnews Development Center, Ms. Garcia led Santa Clara in fighting to preserve much of the historic core of the campus, which was designed by Leonard Stocking.

Notable among Lorie Garcia's many achievements is her leadership of Santa Clara's three-year sesquicentennial celebration, beginning with Santa Clara University's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2000 and culminating in the city's sesquicentennial in 2002. Ms. Garcia planned the events, wrote the materials, lectured in every forum, co-authored every major publication for the three-year tribute, obtained funding from numerous sources, including the City of Santa Clara, and participated in every event.

Lorie Garcia is a one-person force for history and preservation, connecting people to projects, and projects to community heritage and pride.

Learn more about Lorie Garcia and her work to preserve and celebrate California's history:

<http://www.modbee.com/news/local/article3097395.html>