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Former San Leandro City Councilmember Faith Frazier Dies

Former City Councilmember Faith Frazier, who some call a pioneer toward the advancement of women in local politics, passed away on February 20 at the age of 85 after a lengthy illness. Mrs. Frazier leaves behind a long legacy of service to the community of San Leandro, having been actively involved in civic affairs and local politics since the 1950s.

Mrs. Frazier was appointed to the San Leandro Board of Library Trustees in 1962, where she served until 1974, and is remembered as being instrumental in the establishment of the City's branch library system. Shortly thereafter she was elected to the City Council representing District 1. She served on the City Council from 1974 until 1982, mirroring the service of her late husband, James Frazier, who served on the City Council from 1954 to 1960.

"Faith Frazier was a valued member of our community who played an instrumental role in making San Leandro the vibrant and diverse community it is today," said Mayor Stephen H. Cassidy. "Faith was deeply committed to supporting women in politics in our region, and was also a strong advocate for equal rights in our community and the nation. She will be missed."

"Faith Frazier was a trailblazing pioneer who changed the history of San Leandro for the better," said California Senate Majority Leader (and former San Leandro Mayor) Ellen Corbett. "She had a quiet strength and courage that inspired many people. Her commitment to her family was unwavering. She mentored and encouraged so many women to seek out public service and elected office. I learned much from her advice and her counsel."

“Faith Frazier was an incredibly gifted woman,” said Mayor Emeritus Shelia Young. “She reached out to the community to help in many ways. She responded to community’s needs by helping to initiate many service and community action groups in San Leandro. Faith was a charter member of the San Leandro Arts Council and the San Leandro League of Women Voters.”

“I remember Faith Frazier as a strong supporter of women’s issues,” said former Mayor Tony Santos. “She and her husband, James, were the founders of the Bonaire Civic League, one of the longest standing neighborhood associations in San Leandro. She was also one of the founders of the Political Action Committee for Excellence in San Leandro (PACE).”

“Faith Frazier was a strong advocate for social services in San Leandro, and a mentor for women wanting to get into local politics,” recalls former Vice Mayor Bob Glaze. “She worked hard to give women a step up into local government, and she was a strong supporter of disability rights and the Americans with Disabilities Act.”

Funeral services are still pending. However, the February 22 San Leandro City Council meeting was adjourned in Mrs. Frazier’s memory, and flags at all City buildings are being flown at half staff in her honor.

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