



**Elizabeth Patterson, retired staff environmental scientist at State of California DWR and former Mayor of Benicia**

Elizabeth Patterson was born in Los Angeles, lived and managed a ranch in San Luis Obispo, lived in Ithaca, New York for five years before returning to the Bay Area. Elizabeth has lived in Benicia since 1983 where she raised two girls and large dogs.

Elizabeth Patterson was elected to Benicia City Council in 2003 and elected mayor in 2007 serving three terms to 2020. Ms. Patterson became a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners in 1991 and has been a Planning Director for two Bay Area towns. She was Executive Director of the Partnership for

Regional Livability, a project for the White House Task Force on Livable Communities during the Clinton/Gore administration.

Elizabeth was lead staff at the State Lands Commission for the Delta Public Trust status and trends reports and draft legislation for the creation of the Delta Protection Commission. Ms. Patterson has worked before and within the State Senate as staff to Senator Thompson. She worked as a retired annuitant staff environmental scientist on the California Water Plan and previously for the Governor's Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force, Flood Plain Management Task Force and the Stakeholder Coordination Group for the Department of Water Resources.

She is a lecturer at Sonoma State University teaching land use planning and water management. And she is the chair of 1000 Friends Protecting Historic Benicia, Chair of Public Policy for AAUW, and is vice chair of the Sacramento San Joaquin Rivers Delta National Heritage Area advisory committee.