



## City of Pico Rivera

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### Barbara Contreras Rapisarda Councilmember

**B**arbara Contreras Rapisarda was elected to the Pico Rivera City Council in a Special Election on April 13, 2010. A long-time resident of Pico Rivera, Mrs. Contreras Rapisarda's family history has been in the Pico Rivera community for more than 40 years. She is a 1975 graduate of El Rancho High School and received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Liberal Studies in 1980 and her Teaching Credential in 1982 from California State University, Los Angeles.

For 27 years Councilmember Contreras Rapisarda has served her community as a teacher with the El Rancho Unified School District. She taught elementary school for many years, and for the past nine years, she has taught at Burke Middle School. Mrs. Contreras Rapisarda has also taught English as a second language at El Rancho Adult School. Among the many subjects she has taught over the years are math, language arts, science, social studies, physical education and fine arts. In 2002, in recognition of her professional standards and accomplishments, she was inducted into *Who's Who Among American Teachers*.

Councilmember Contreras Rapisarda previously worked for the City's Parks and Recreation Department as a Specialist Leader for the Recreation and Education Accelerating Children's Hopes (REACH) after school program at Valencia Elementary School in the late 1990's.

Councilmember Contreras Rapisarda's vision for the City is to set high standards in leadership, progress forward with growth and development and promote the quality of life and living in Pico Rivera. Her top priorities include public safety; keeping the City free of graffiti, gangs and crime. Additionally, Councilmember Contreras Rapisarda is a strong supporter of building the new City/County Library and the enhancement of City parks, enhanced economic development to generate jobs and revenue, as well as sustainable environmental policies.

Mrs. Contreras Rapisarda has been a member of the Pico Rivera Soroptomists the last five years. Her favorite past times include fine arts, playing the piano and guitar, and reading on the study of health, both mind and body.

Barbara is married to Tom Rapisarda, an entrepreneur and inventor who holds a number of innovative patents.

