

Biography of Charlene Zettel
Executive Committee Member
San Diego County Airport Authority

Charlene Zettel was appointed February 15, 2007 by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to the Executive Committee of the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority. Charlene has served the people of California in many capacities. She most recently served as the Director of the California Department of Consumer Affairs from March, 2004 – March, 2007.

Charlene's public service began in 1992 when she was elected to the Poway Unified School District Board of Education and served in that office for six years. Encouraged by her constituents to seek higher office, Charlene was the first Republican Latina elected to the state legislature, serving two terms in the State Assembly.

Among her responsibilities in the Assembly, she served as chairwoman of the Republican Caucus, vice chair of the Assembly Committee on Jobs, Economic Development and the Economy, and a member of the Appropriations, Education, Health, Rules, Transportation and Governmental Organization committees.

While a member of the Legislature, Charlene worked with senior citizen advocates, District Attorneys and law enforcement to champion laws protecting senior citizens from abuse.

She also sought to protect children with the introduction and passage of "Oliver's Law," which provided parents with critical information about licensed day care providers, and AB 1789, which enhanced penalties for child abusers.

In addition to state service, Charlene has been a public interest director of the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco. She is currently a member of the board of directors of the San Diego and Imperial Counties Chapter of the Red Cross.

Raised in Los Angeles, she received a Bachelor of Science degree in dental hygiene from the University of Southern California School of Dentistry. She and her husband, David, have been married 36 years and have two adult sons, Brent and Jeffrey.