

Trustee



Lynn Schenk

Lynn Schenk is an attorney and consultant in private practice with extensive public policy and business experience. She serves on the Board of Directors for Sempra Energy, Biogen Idec, the Scripps Research Institute, and the San Diego Consortium for Regenerative Medicine and is a member of the California High-Speed Rail Authority.

She served as Chief of Staff to Governor Gray Davis from 1999 to 2003 where she oversaw the day to day operations of state government through its 12 Cabinet agencies and more than 75 departments and offices. From 1992 to 1994 she served in the U.S. House of Representatives, the first woman ever elected to represent the San Diego region. Prior to that she served in the Cabinet of Governor Jerry Brown as California's Secretary of Business, Transportation and Housing where she oversaw a budget of nearly \$2 billion, with more than 32,000 employees in 14 different departments.

Prior to her state Cabinet appointment, she served as an in-house lawyer to San Diego Gas & Electric Company, and as a Deputy Attorney General in the criminal division of the California Attorney General's office. She had the distinction to be appointed a White House Fellow by President Gerald Ford, in 1976, serving as a special assistant to Vice Presidents Nelson Rockefeller and Walter Mondale.

She is deeply involved in the San Diego community as an advocate and civic volunteer, and has served on numerous boards and commissions, including the San Diego Symphony and the Red Cross. Her contributions have been recognized with myriad honors and awards, including the Scientists' Recognition Award from the Scripps Institution of Oceanography in 2011, and the San Diego Corporate Directors Forum Lifetime Achievement Award in 2012.

She received her B.A. from UCLA, a Juris Doctorate from the University of San Diego, and did post law school graduate work at the London School of Economics.