

Trustee



Susan Lew

Forty years ago, Susan Lew took her mother's advice – invest in real estate to secure your future. When Lew and her husband emigrated from Hong Kong, China to San Diego, they founded a small real estate investment company. They believed that working smart was just as important as working hard. And their dedication paid off – both of their sons attended UC San Diego, and the couple enjoys supporting numerous causes that are close to their heart.

Susan previously served two terms on the UC San Diego Foundation Board of Trustees. "When I was asked to return to the board, it didn't take me long to say yes," said Lew. "UC San Diego is an important institution in San Diego which we are all proud of. Most importantly, our two sons had wonderful experiences and the best education as graduates of the university. Therefore, I feel it is my privilege to serve and help UC San Diego in any capacity."

Susan is a real estate investor, broker, property manager, international and local developer as well as consultant and restaurateur. She founded S. Lew & Associates, Inc. and is founder and president of Emerald Chinese Seafood Restaurant and Pearl Chinese Cuisine. Formerly she served as chairman of the Advisory Board and vice chairman of 1st Pacific Bancorp as well as San Diego Port Commissioner from 1993 to 2001. She has also served on the International Advisory Board for the School of Global Policy and Strategy at UC San Diego.

In her free time, Susan enjoys traveling with her husband as well as cooking and hosting her friends at her home. She also spends time tending to her rose garden.