



City of Aliso Viejo

Founding City Council member, Aliso Viejo mayor resigns from post

Mayor Cynthia Adams, a founding member of the Aliso Viejo City Council, staunch fighter against an airport at El Toro, and friend to many across the county, resigned her City Council post Wednesday, April 18. She will move out of state and retire from political life to enjoy more time with her husband, Barry. Her last day on the job is May 13.

Adams, a 16-year resident, was re-elected to the City Council in 2006 after first joining the council when the city incorporated in July 2001. She served as the city's first mayor pro tem and - in 2003 - served as its second mayor. During her tenure, Adams has championed community building and creating an attractive, vibrant and safe city where folks can work, live and play. One of her primary goals has been to ensure that top-quality police and fire services are met in the city. Adams has also been committed to ensuring a business-friendly atmosphere in town and has been active in numerous nonprofit and other organizations that benefit Aliso Viejo and beyond.

Adams is most proud of her role as an original member of the Cityhood 2000 Committee, which worked hard to make Aliso Viejo Orange County's 34th city. On Wednesday, she said she is also proud of how proactive the city has been in ensuring it remains fiscally responsible and sound.

"We have such a fiscally stable organization and that is just amazing with all the tremendous challenges the state has gone through," Adams said. "Our staff and council have done an incredible job of keeping us in a place where we can do some fabulous things for our community. We have been really smart."

While she says she will miss the city, her colleagues, lifelong friends and the community as a whole, Adams - who still owns a house in town - said that she'll be back and knows that Aliso Viejo is in good hands. When asked how she would like to be remembered, she said "as approachable."

"I hope that when people say my name, they think of someone who always tried to be fair, acted ethically and really tried to do what was best for the community as a whole," she said. "I am up there (at the dais) because of the community. We are all on the same team."

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