



Los Angeles Area
Chamber of Commerce

Jan Perry

Los Angeles City Council

Now in her third term as Councilwoman of the Ninth District, Perry represents some of the most diverse and vibrant communities in Los Angeles including Bunker Hill, Little Tokyo, and South Los Angeles. Her success in responding to the district's needs has been dramatically demonstrated by the increase in trash capture devices, resurfacing of streets, repaving of streets, repair of sidewalks, and the increase in the number of streetlights.

Perry is also involved in planning strategies that will maximize opportunities for development in South Los Angeles and share in downtown's job opportunities resulting from its increase in housing and entertainment centers.

Perry co-authored and is widely credited with passage of Proposition O to clean Los Angeles water. The Augustus Hawkins Wetland is one of Perry's most inspiring initiatives. The nation's first man-made wetland in a highly urban area is part of Augustus Hawkins Park. Perry initiated the project, and it is due in large measure to her unwavering tenacity that it came to fruition. The project is an ecological wonder in its own right, and it also serves as a demonstration project for Perry's proposed 9-acre South Los Angeles Wetlands Park that will simultaneously improve water quality and provide much-needed park and recreation space to the South Los Angeles community.

Perry currently chairs the Energy and the Environment Committee; vice-chairs the Information Technology & Government Affairs Committee; Ad Hoc on Economic Recovery & Reinvestment; and Ad Hoc Committee on Recovering Energy, Natural Resources, and Economic Benefit from Waste for LA (RENEW LA) Committee. She is a member of the Housing, Community and Economic Development Committee and Public Safety Committee. She was appointed by the mayor to represent LA as governing board member of the South Coast Air Quality Management District, and was re-elected in 2006 by the Western cities to serve another 4-year term. Perry also serves on the Exposition Light Rail Authority and is president pro tempore for the Los Angeles City Council.

Perry earned her bachelor's degree from the University Of Southern California School Of Journalism, cum laude. She received a master's degree from USC in public administration.