



Carolyn Cavecche

President and CEO, OCTax



Carolyn Cavecche serves as President and CEO of the Orange County Taxpayers Association. She came to OCTax with over a decade of public policy experience gained from serving on numerous city, county and regional governing boards. This experience has given her insight into how government can and should keep taxes “fair, understandable, cost effective, and good for business.”

Prior to joining the Orange County Taxpayers Association, Carolyn served 6 years as the directly elected Mayor of the City of Orange in addition to serving almost 6 years as a member of the Orange City Council. During her close to 12 years in office, she sat on the boards of several regional agencies including: the Orange County Transportation Authority, the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (Metrolink), the Orange County Sanitation District, and the Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency.

She has been honored many times. In 2006 Carolyn was awarded the Elected Official Ruby Slipper Award by the Orange County Building Industry Association. She was named the 2007 Woman of the Year by the Orange County Women in Transportation Seminar and the 2007 Elected Official of the Year for the State of California by the California Transportation Foundation. In 2008, Carolyn was named one of 20 Women to Watch in Orange County by OC Metro Business Magazine. Mobility 21, the leading Southern California transportation coalition named Carolyn the 2009 Transportation Leader of the Year and she was named 2011 Elected Official of the Year by the American Council of Engineering Companies. She received the Orange Chamber of Commerce’s award for exceptional economic development results twice, in 2007 and in 2012.

Carolyn is a graduate of California State University, Long Beach with a Bachelor of Science degree in Microbiology. She and her husband Rick are parents of three grown children.