



Third District Honoree

Ann Reiss Lane

*Founder and Chair Emeritus
Women Against Gun Violence*

Ann Reiss Lane is the co-founder of Women Against Gun Violence (WAGV), where she strives to initiate strong and meaningful action to combat gun violence affecting many communities. Ms. Lane has carried this work for 25 years and has succeeded in shaping a formidable force of women to educate and advocate for federal, state and local gun legislation.

She led WAGV to design the TALK Project - the only comprehensive gun violence prevention program in California working with greater Los Angeles school districts, parent teacher associations, pediatric health centers, and the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office. The TALK Project puts life-saving information in the hands of over 500,000 Southern California elementary school families with printed materials available in Spanish, English, Korean and Armenian.

Ms. Lane has worked for over 25 years on legislation, awareness and educational programs to keep women and children safe from gun violence. She is a lifetime community service advocate and has been an active member of numerous commissions and boards. Ms. Lane has served as the first female president of the Los Angeles Fire Commission, was on the advisory board of the Los Angeles Commission on Assaults Against Women, and was a former police commissioner with the Los Angeles Police Department. She currently serves on the Advisory Board of L.A.'s BEST After School Enrichment Program and as a dedicated member of the Community Partners nonprofit organization.

Ms. Lane was born in Los Angeles and attended Stanford University and the University of California, Los Angeles. She has been married to her husband for 70 years this January and has three wonderful sons and four even more wonderful granddaughters.

