

DENNIS ZANE '69

An Oxy graduate and a campus activist in the class of '69, Denny Zane has made economic and social justice and environmental quality a personal and professional pursuit. In the late 1970's, he managed the campaign for Santa Monica's progressive rent control program and was elected in 1981 to the Santa Monica City Council. He served three terms on the council, including one term as mayor. Zane was the author of many of Santa Monica's progressive environmental, land use, housing, and economic development policies, and spearheaded the development of the Third Street Promenade, Santa Monica's successful downtown revitalization program. In 1992, Zane became the executive director of the Coalition for Clean Air, developing the Coalition's "Dump Diesel" campaign, and convincing the Los Angeles County MTA to drop diesel and purchase only clean natural gas buses. Working with the late Carl Moyer, Zane founded the California Truck Working Group, a collaboration between environmentalists and the California Trucking Association that sponsored successful legislation to promote investments in clean alternatives to diesel technologies.

Professionally, Zane provides strategic services to a variety of communities, public agencies, and non-profits to advance effective environmental or transportation initiatives. As a consultant to the City of El Segundo, Zane designed a successful strategy to oppose the expansion of LAX, promoting instead the creation of a truly regional Southern California airport system. This program, now official Southern California policy, entailed building a coalition of over 100 cities, counties, agencies and economic development organizations throughout Southern California. As a consultant to the American Lung Association of California, Zane works with the California Clean Car Coalition and other environmental organizations to develop and implement strategies to reduce greenhouse gases (GHG) and to promote clean fuel vehicles.

Zane was for 18 years a teacher of high school mathematics, American History and political science. He has been married for 30 years to Louise Mainville of Quebec, Canada, and together they have a nine-year-old son, Justin-Alexander. The Zane family continues to make their home in Santa Monica, California.

REX WEYLER '70

Rex Weyler is a journalist, focusing on human rights, native rights, and ecology issues since 1972. He is a cofounder of Greenpeace International, and has participated in numerous Greenpeace and other environmental campaigns. His most recent book is Greenpeace: How a Group of Journalists, Ecologists, and Visionaries Changed the World. (2004, Raincoast Books, Rodale Press).

Weyler received a Pulitzer Prize nomination for his Native American history, Blood of the Land, and he received a Columbia School of Journalism Award for a story exposing nuclear contamination of the Rio Puerco in New Mexico. He has helped draft environmental legislation in Canada, including innovative dioxin effluent legislation for pulp mills in British Columbia. He supports environmental, civil rights, and native rights organizations by donating research, writing, and media expertise to these causes. He lives in Vancouver, B.C., is married, has three sons, and two foster daughters.