

## Sunny Mojonnier

The Honorable Sunny Mojonnier was the 30<sup>th</sup> woman elected to serve in California's Legislature. She was elected to represent San Diego's 55 miles of coastline from the Mexican border north to Carlsbad. During her service in the State Assembly she served on many committees, such as; Rules, Judiciary, Ways & Means, Government Organizations, Education, Labor (partial Listing) and several sub-committees.

Her focus was primarily on children's issues which lead to her writing and successfully ushering through for the Governor's signature, legislation to provide closed circuit television testimony in the court room process, so that a young child could testify from a side room. Closed circuit television testimony is also used for arraignments of violent inmate offenders, eliminating the need to transport the inmate from location to location. Sunny worked with the Deukmejian Administration to completely revise The Short-Doyle Act and the delivery of mental health services, she also authored the Medical Waste Hazardous Materials Act (that has since served as the national model), as well as many other substantial pieces of legislation. Sunny served in the California State Assembly from 1982 through 1990.

In 1992 she was appointed as a Commissioner on the California Medical Assistance Commission, overseeing and voting on negotiations between the State of California and the hospital providers of Medi-Cal services, assuring quality health care while providing savings to the taxpayers. She is presently working as a program analyst for the Tribal TANF Unit of California Department of Social Services, working with California's Sovereign Indian Tribes that provide TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) services to their members.

Sunny is the founder and served as President for five years, of California's premier Sacramento based organization Capitol Network, founded in 1983 and is still going strong. She was also a founder and board member of the California State Games. Sunny serves on the Board of Directors and was a founding member of Technology Training Foundation of America.

Prior to the political scene, Sunny Mojonnier successfully owned and operated a flower growing and shipping operation and a travel agency. She has four adult children and four grandchildren. She paints and writes poetry whenever possible. Sunny has traveled to more than 175 different counties. She has a deep interest in the world's most primitive peoples and has visited 7 of the 10 most primitive remaining tribes. Her interest in endangered species has taken her to track the Mountain Gorillas in Ruanda and to the jungles of New Guinea in search of the Greater Bird of Paradise.