



**Councilmember Ginny Foat** was elected to the City Council in November of 2003 and re-elected in 2005, 2009 and 2013. She has owned a home in the City for 23 years and became a full time Palm Springs resident in 1999. She has served the City of Palm Springs for 14 years.

Ginny is a nationally prominent women's rights, LGBT and human rights activist including service on four organizing committees for national marches for women's rights and LGBT rights. She has also had a distinguished career in the non-profit sector. In addition teaching non-profit management Ginny has served as Executive Director of Legal Advocates for Women, Executive Director of the Los Angeles-based Caring for Babies with AIDS,

Chair of the Los Angeles County HIV/AIDS Commission, National Director of Regional Services for the YWCA of the USA, and for the past five years she has served as the Executive Director of the Mizell Senior Center in Palm Springs.

Ginny currently serves on numerous City Council Subcommittees, including CV Link, Indian Canyon Drive Improvements, BUZZ trolley, Business Retention, Low Income Housing, Medical Cannabis, Palm Springs Dog Park and the Homelessness Task Force. Ginny also is co-chair of the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) Homelessness Committee, co-chair of CVAG Transportation Committee, Board of Directors of SunLine, and a County Commissioner on the Riverside County Transportation Commission.

Ginny is supportive of many charitable causes including Friends of the Palm Springs Animal Shelter, Roy's Desert Resource Center, Well in the Desert, Greater Palm Springs Pride, the Palm Springs Modernism Committee, Palm Springs Modernism Week, Digicom, AIDS Assistance, the Desert AIDS Project, Equality California, National Center for Lesbian Rights, Sanctuary House and of course, the Mizell Senior Center.

Ginny was also instrumental in her leadership role in the creation of Roy's Desert Resource Center to North Palm Springs and she leads the Homelessness Task Force with Councilmember Geoff Kors. A lover of all four-legged friends, Ginny is well known in Palm Springs for spearheading the construction of the City's much celebrated state-of-the-art animal shelter, the only no-kill shelter in the Coachella Valley. In 2014, she received the prestigious Athena Award for community service from the Palm Springs Chamber of Commerce.

Ginny lives in Palm Springs with her wife of 26 years, Pamela and their pooch Madison.

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