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Biography

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Occupation City Councilman
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FATHER Paul Ostrook
Birth (Date and Place) North Dakota, Sept 3, 1895
If Deceased, When Aug, 1951

MOTHER Ruth Chapman Ostrook
Birth (Date and Place) Colfax, Wash., July 13, 1907
If Deceased, When

IF MARRIED, TO WHOM William Treloar Russell
Birth of Same (Date and Place) Dec 21, 1920, Medford, Ore.
If Deceased, When
When Married Dec 29, 1946

CHILDREN (Married Names of Daughters)
Steven Russell
David Russell
Mercedes Russell

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**1003 CITY HALL
LOS ANGELES, CALIF. 90012**

PAT RUSSELL

Los Angeles City Councilman
Sixth District

Pat Russell is the Los Angeles City Councilman from the Sixth District - the only woman on the 15 member body. After spearheading a successful campaign for the first special election ever held in the City, Mrs. Russell was elected Councilman on December 2, 1969. She is the second woman elected to serve the City in this capacity.

As the representative for Westchester-Playa del Rey, Venice-Mar Vista and the Greater Crenshaw area, she deals with such issues as the airport-community relationship, the Venice Canal project, and community upgrading and stabilization.

Fulfilling her campaign promise of responsive government, Mrs. Russell has:

Established two district offices, one in the Westchester area and one in Crenshaw;

Assigned personnel to work with constituents in all three areas of the District;

Established working community advisory committees.

All of these actions represent a "first" for the Sixth District.

Mrs. Russell is Chairman of the Council's Building and Safety Committee, and also serves on both the Governmental Economy and Efficiency Committee and the Water and Power Committee.

Attached is a resume of Mrs. Russell's community activities and personal background.

B I O G R A P H Y

PAT RUSSELL
Sixth District Councilman

CIVIC LEADERSHIP

League of Women Voters

President of Los Angeles City 1963-65
President of Los Angeles County 1966-68

Los Angeles Urban Coalition

Board of Directors
Vice Chairman Transportation Task Force

Boards and Committees

Co-Chairman, Crenshaw YMCA Drive
Mental Health Guild of Westchester
Community Advisory Committee of
Westchester High School
PTA, YWCA, WMCA
Camp Fire Girls
Venice Boys' Club, Board of Directors
1970 Citywide Membership Chairman, YWCA

Member

Quiet City Committee of Los Angeles County Division
of California Cities
Crenshaw Neighbors
Southern California Regional Plan Association
Southern California Association of Governments
"SCAG Tomorrow" Committee
Planning and Conservation League
Adult Education Association, USA

Adult Education Teacher in Discussion Leading
and Group Organization

Federated Women's Clubs
PTA Parent Education
Los Angeles Adult Schools
UCLA Extension

Adult Leader in

Camping, Scouts and Camp Fire Girls
Dance and Drama Programs

B I O G R A P H Y

PAT RUSSELL
Sixth District Councilman

PERSONAL BACKGROUND

*Born and educated in Portland, Oregon
B.A. University of Washington
Phi Beta Kappa, President of student body
Secondary teaching credential, UCLA*

*Married to William T. Russell
Aerospace executive, Ph.D Cal Tech
Former Lt. Col., US Army*

Mother of three children

*Steven, 22, Stanford Graduate School
David, 19, Harvard College
Mercedes, 17, Stanford University*

Resident of Westchester 16 years

*Active in hiking, camping, skiing
Member of Sierra Club
Wilderness Society, Audubon Club*

Citizens for Pat Russell
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October 1969

PAT RUSSELL - Biography

Pat Russell, candidate for the Los Angeles City Council seat vacated in July by L. E. Timberlake's resignation, is a community leader in Westchester, where she has lived for 15 years.

Born in Portland, Oregon, Pat was graduated from the University of Washington, where she was president of the student body and a Phi Beta Kappa.

She is married to William T. Russell, aerospace executive, who has a Ph. D. from Cal Tech and is a former Lieut. Colonel, United States Army. The Russells have three children: Steven, 21, who attends the University of California at San Diego; David, 18, who began his freshman year at Harvard this fall, and Mercedes, 16, a student at Westchester High School.

The candidate is best known to Angelenos for her work with the League of Women Voters. She served as Los Angeles city president of the league from 1963 to 1965, and as county president from 1966 to 1968.

Last year she was appointed to the board of directors of the Greater Los Angeles Urban Coalition, and she serves as vice-chairman of the coalition's Transportation Task Force.

Within the Westchester community, she has been a member of the boards of the Westchester Mental Health Guild, the Community Advisory Committee of Westchester High School, and parent groups which include the Camp Fire Girls, PTA, YMCA and YWCA.

Her interest in young people has involved her in camping, dance and drama programs for youngsters, ranging from Cub Scout activities in Westchester to the program of the Studio 103 Teen Post of Watts.

The Russells are avid outdoor people and sports enthusiasts. Pat is a member of the Wilderness Society, the Sierra Club and the Audubon Society. Their family recreation includes a healthy amount of hiking, backpacking and skiing.

In order to help programs of conservation and recreation planning for Los Angeles, Mrs. Russell has become a working member of the Regional Plan Association and the Planning and Conservation League.

Pat Russell has had extensive experience with city problems. She has participated in groups working on city charter revision, school finance measures, regional planning problems, public transportation, ballot measures and tax revisions. Within the Sixth Councilmanic District, she has worked on community planning and is a member of the Crenshaw Neighbors organization.

In 1961, she earned her secondary teaching credential at UCLA, and is a member of the Adult Education Association of the United States. She has lectured and given training courses for the League of Women Voters, Mental Health Auxiliary, PTA Parent Education and Federated Women's Clubs. She has stressed in her lectures the techniques of discussion leadership and effective group work, and has also assisted in the organization of UCLA extension courses.

In short, Pat Russell is an educated, intelligent citizen who has studied city government and civic problems thoroughly, and who has worked in and led community and citywide organizations with the goal of improving Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCILMAN

Councilman for 6th District

Term: 4 years

Salary: \$17,000

Name: Pat Russell

Birthplace & date: Portland, Oregon. Date: Unknown.

Age at time of election: 45

Personal data: Married, mother of 3 children. Resides in Westchester.

Education: B.A. Univ. of Washington, secondary teaching credential, U.C.L.A.

Professional: Elected Dec. 2, 1969.

Organizations: Among others she belongs to: President of League of Women Voters, L.A. City, 1963-65; President of League of Women Voters, L.A. County, 1966-68; Board of Directors, L.A. Urban Coalition; P.T.A., Y.W.C.A., Y.M.C.A., Camp Fire Girls, Venice Boys' Club, Board of Directors; Adult Education Assn., U.S.A.; So. California Regional Plan Association; Crenshaw Neighbors; Planning and Conservation League; Adult Education Teacher in discussion leading and group organization.

Source: Councilwoman Russell's Office
Soc. Info. File



PAT RUSSELL. Only woman on council. Won uphill battle last year to defeat Ed Small, hand-picked successor to L. E. Timberlake. A liberal, former League of Women Voters president, Mrs. Russell gathered support of minorities, poor people and hippies, plus endorsement of *Times* and Tom Bradley to win narrow victory. During her brief time on council, has acted in a lady-like manner and usually followed Bradley's lead on voting. Her main concern is airport noise.

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