

BIO - Council Member Regina (Gina) Bonanno

Gina Bonanno was appointed to the City Council in January 2021. She is filling the vacancy left by Bob Woerner when he was elected Mayor in November 2020. Gina previously served on the Livermore Planning Commission (2015-2021), the Asset Management Program Committee (2016-2021), the Downtown Steering Committee Member (2018), and the Livermore Library Advisory Board (2004-2007).

She has served on a number of local non-profit boards including the Pedrozzi Foundation Board of Directors (2014-19) where she chaired the Foundation's Outreach Committee and founded the Pedrozzi Young Scholars Program. She has also served on Quest Science Center Advisory Board; as a volunteer for a number of local organizations including Paws in Need, Sunflower Hill, Expanding Your Horizons, and the Livermore Joint Unified School District.

Gina is a laser scientist with over 30 years of experience in laser technology development and operations. Gina held a number of senior technical and management positions in LLNL's laser programs including the National Ignition Facility (NIF). She also served as Deputy Director for the National Ignition Campaign. Prior to retiring in 2013 she served as Program Director for Photon Science and Applications, an applied R&D organization working in support of LLNL's national security mission. She continues her relationship with LLNL as a visiting scientist.

Gina earned her Ph.D. in Physical Chemistry from the University of Maryland. She was awarded a National Research Council postdoctoral fellowship and spent two years at the National Institute of Standards and Technology in Gaithersburg, MD.

Gina has lived in Livermore for 20 years. Her late wife, Kimberly Cupps was born and raised in Livermore and worked for 25 years at LLNL as a Computer Scientist. They raised their son, Alex in Livermore who after graduating from college also returned to begin his career at LLNL.