

Lisa Middleton – bio 02.26.2018

Lisa Middleton was elected to the Palm Springs City Council in November 2017. Representing Palm Springs, she serves on the Riverside County Transportation Commission, the Sunline Board of Directors and the Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy. Also representing Palm Springs, she serves on the following Coachella Valley Association of Governments Committees – Transportation, Energy & Environment and Conservation.

Prior to her election Lisa served as a member of the Palm Springs Planning Commission and as Chairwoman of the Organized Neighborhoods of Palm Springs (ONE-PS). She is a member of the Boards of Directors of Neighborhoods USA, the Equality California Institute and the Desert LGBTQ Center. In 2014, she was the Center's Interim Executive Director.

Ms. Middleton retired after serving 36 years with the State Compensation Insurance Fund of the State of California. At her retirement she was the Senior Vice President of Internal Affairs with executive responsibility for Internal Audit, Fraud Investigation, Public Records and Governance. She was a member of California's Fraud Assessment Commission. In 2010, she chaired the Commission.

Lisa is a graduate of UCLA and USC, receiving her Masters in Public Administration from USC. She has also completed the UCLA LGBT Leadership Institute.

Ms. Middleton is the first transgender person elected to a non-judicial office in the state of California. After 13 years together, Lisa and her wife Cheryl were married in July 2013. She is the proud parent of two accomplished educators.