



Councilmember Sepi Shyne

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Councilmember Sepi Shyne made history in November 2020 when she was elected to the West Hollywood City Council. She is the first woman of color elected to the West Hollywood City Council and her election ushered in West Hollywood's first female-majority City Council. When she served as Mayor from 2023 to 2024, she became the first Iranian female Mayor in the United States and the first out LGBTQ+ Iranian Mayor in the world. Councilmember Shyne's priorities include advocating for affordable housing, protecting renters and social services programs, social justice, small business revival, and bringing the people's voices to West Hollywood City Hall.

As an LGBTQ+ and civil rights leader for more than 25 years, her leadership has helped secure equal rights for all. Before her election to the West Hollywood City Council, Councilmember Shyne served on the City of West Hollywood's Lesbian and

Gay Advisory Board (now LGBTQ+ Commission), on the City of West Hollywood's Business License Commission, and on the Los Angeles County Assessor's Advisory Council on which she continues to serve. Additionally, she has led many boards and organizations, including the LGBT Bar Association of Los Angeles and as a Board of Governor and Steering Committee leader with the Human Rights Campaign Los Angeles. Councilmember Shyne is a Co-Organizer of WeHo Neighbors Helping Neighbors, a community group created during the pandemic to help get resources to seniors, people with disabilities, and people in immunosuppressed households via social media and volunteer check-in calls. In every board and organization she has led, she has recruited and elevated women and people of color to leadership positions to create more diversity, inclusion, and equity.

Councilmember Shyne currently serves

on the West Hollywood City Council Subcommittees for 1343 N. Laurel Avenue and Playhouse Design. She also represents the City of West Hollywood on the Westside Cities Council of Governments and is currently serving as its Chair.

Councilmember Shyne received her Bachelor of Science from San Jose State University with a double concentration in Accounting and Management Information Systems and a Minor in Drama with an emphasis in Directing. She received her Juris Doctorate with a specialization certificate in litigation from Golden Gate University School of Law in San Francisco.

Councilmember Shyne lives in the Mid-City area of the City of West Hollywood with her fur-babies including Chloe, who served as the first Pet Mayor of the City of West Hollywood.

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