

## Harbor Interfaith Services



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### *Shari Weaver Earns Award*

#### *Pioneer Woman of the Year Award*

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*(Los Angeles, CA, March 9, 2018):* Last Friday morning, Harbor Interfaith Services (HIS) employee, Shari Weaver, received the Pioneer Woman of the Year Award given to her by the Los Angeles City Council. The award was presented by Councilmember Mike Bonin, District 11, in the



absence of Joe Buscaino, Councilmember District 15 (Los Angeles, South Bay). Mr. Buscaino was on official city business in Washington, DC.

The annual Pioneer Women of the Year Awards honors leaders who champion gender equity in Los Angeles. The Awards are the City's opportunity to say "thank you" for being a pioneer woman in the community. Mr. Buscaino and the Commission on the Status of Women selected Ms. Weaver, choosing her for her work as the Director of the Coordinated Entry System (CES) for Service Planning Area 8 (SPA8). SPA8 serves the South Bay's 5,000+ homeless people. It is directed from HIS.



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CES is a system of over fifty agencies from San Pedro to Inglewood working collaboratively to house chronically homeless individuals and homeless families. Case managers get to know the homeless in our community while making use of limited resources and securing a permanent housing option for each person.

The Commission on the Status of Women advances the general welfare of women and girls in the Los Angeles community to ensure that all women have full and equal participation in city government. It collaborates with City staff to articulate strategies and measures that can be adopted and implemented across the city.

Ms. Weaver joined HIS in 2001 as Executive Assistant. Over the years, her skills, intelligence, and dedication led to a series of promotions. In 2016, she became the Director of CES for SPA8, a region including Long Beach north to El Segundo, east to Inglewood, and down the 110. Ms. Weaver is a leading expert on CES and helps other Service Planning Areas develop their systems.

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