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*El Presidio de Santa Bárbara SHP • Casa de la Guerra
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Four New Additions to the Board of Directors for the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation

(SANTA BARBARA, CA) – The Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP) is pleased to announce the election of **four new community leaders to its board of directors. Joining the board for a three-year term are: Debby Aceves, Roger L. Horton, Roger Perry and Richard A. Rojas.**



Debby Aceves.

Debby Aceves is a ninth-generation Santa Barbaran. She retired from the Santa Barbara School District after thirty years of service and is an active community volunteer. Currently, she serves on the board of the Goleta Valley Historical Society and is First Vice Chair of the Santa Barbara County Human Services Commission. Aceves is a member of the Santa Barbara Historical Society, the Tierra de Oro, Parlor # 304, Native Daughters of the Golden West, and currently serves on the Historical Landmarks Advisory Commission for the County of Santa Barbara. Aceves' past board experience includes the Junior League of Santa Barbara, CALM, and the Santa Barbara Rape Crisis Center.

Debby lives in Goleta with her husband of 33 years, Roger, and their three dogs. She has one child, a son Tim, who lives in Santa Barbara. In addition to her non-profit work, Debby enjoys gardening, antiques, and cooking. She also travels with her husband, as well as her book club friends.



Roger L. Horton.

Roger L. Horton received his BA in Economics from University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB), and an MA in Management, University of North Dakota. He served as an officer in the U.S. Air Force, 1962-66, and was twice accorded the Air Force Commendation Medal. Horton is retired Assistant Chancellor, Budget and Administrative Operations at UCSB and was elected to the Santa Barbara City Council in November 2001 and re-elected in November 2005, recently completing his second term.

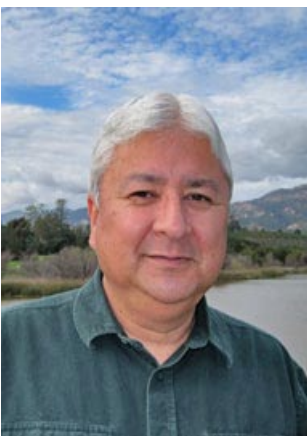
This marks Horton’s return to SBTHP’s board of directors, having previously served from 1986 to 2001. Horton has been involved with numerous nonprofit organizations, having served as Treasurer for the Los Positas Park Foundation, Treasurer for the Unitarian Society, Chief Financial Officer for the Hutchins Center, finance committee, Solvang Theatrefest, corporate secretary for the Coastal Housing Partnership and board member of the UCSB Music Affiliates. Horton plays the French horn and is well known for his interest in music.



Roger Perry.

Roger Perry is an eighth-generation Santa Barbaran and owner and operator of Perry Insurance Service. Perry writes a weekly article on insurance topics for The Daily Sound and has been involved in Old Spanish Days Fiesta for eighteen years, serving as El Presidente in 2006. He is on the board of the Santa Barbara Youth Music Academy and the Westside Boys and Girls Club and United Boys and Girls Clubs of Santa Barbara. Perry is well known for his involvement in youth sports, including the implementation of the Westside Boys and Girls Club Volleyball Program.

When he is not out representing the best of Santa Barbara, Perry enjoys his busy home life with his wife Gina and their four children.



Richard A. Rojas.

In December 2007, **Richard Rojas** completed a 32-year career with California State Parks rising from the ranks as a Park Ranger, promoting to Supervising Ranger, then to Park Superintendent, followed by Chief Ranger and finally to the position of District Superintendent for the Channel Coast District from 2000-2007. As District Superintendent, he was responsible for management of the twelve State-owned beaches, parks and historic parks located in Western-Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties, including El Presidio de Santa Bárbara State Historic Park. As District Superintendent, Rojas was responsible for the acquisition, planning, personnel, equipment, daily management and operation of the parks in the district.

Since retiring, Richard has become a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for CASA of Santa Barbara County and is currently mentoring a foster child in North County. He has also become active with the Kiwanis Club of Santa Barbara and was elected club Treasurer this fall. In his spare time he enjoys playing guitar, riding his motorcycle, camping and spending time with his family. Richard is married to Ophelia, his wife of 32 years, and together they have three grown children; Richard Jr. (married to Esther), Alison (married to Ryan Metcalfe) and Marci.

ABOUT the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP) – The Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation (SBTHP) works to *protect, preserve, restore, reconstruct, and interpret historic sites in Santa Barbara County*. Founded in 1963 by Dr. Pearl Chase and other concerned community leaders, SBTHP operates El Presidio de Santa Bárbara State Historic Park—Santa Barbara’s 18th century birthplace—under a unique agreement with California State Parks and recently purchased the neighboring building that housed Jimmy’s Oriental Gardens, providing an opportunity to interpret the history of Santa Barbara’s Asian American community in the Presidio Neighborhood. SBTHP owns and operates Casa de la Guerra, the 1820s home of Presidio Comandante José de la Guerra and his family—the restored home is now a museum featuring original furnishings and rotating exhibits. Recently, SBTHP signed an agreement with State Parks to manage and develop the Santa Inés Mission Mills, located near the town of Solvang, as a future California State Park. With the help of continuing education programs and exhibits, SBTHP strives to encourage community involvement and foster an appreciation for Santa Barbara County’s distinct history. Learn more at www.sbthp.org.

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