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Harriet Miller Joins Environmental Defense Center Board

Former Santa Barbara Mayor and City Councilmember Harriet Miller has joined the Board of Directors of the Environmental Defense Center (EDC). Ms. Miller served as the Executive Director of the AARP in Washington D.C. and as the elected State Superintendent of Education in Montana before moving to Santa Barbara in 1981.

Ms. Miller is a trained research chemist, former college professor and administrator, and has served on numerous national, state and local boards and commissions. She currently serves as President of the Center for the Performing Arts at Santa Barbara's Granada Theater among many other community service activities. Ms. Miller has received many awards including Phi Beta Kappa, ADL Community Service Award, News Press Lifetime Achievement Award and an honorary doctorate from Whitman College where she received her B.A. and served as a Board member for 15 years.

The Environmental Defense Center (EDC) has, since 1977, led efforts to preserve, protect and enhance the local environment through education, advocacy, and legal action. Based in Santa Barbara, it has a full time staff on ten people who work to protect coastal and ocean resources, open space and wildlife, and human and environmental health. EDC is best known for its legal and advocacy work throughout the Central Coast, preventing expansion of offshore oil and gas development, preserving many wild and scenic lands that have become permanently protected, leading conservation efforts for the Channel Island National Marine Sanctuary, and reducing the use of pesticides in and near local schools and parks.

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