

Diane Kane Biography

Diane Kane, Ph.D., spent her formative years in Independence, Ohio, a small town near Cleveland that was founded after the Revolutionary War. She moved to Orange County in her senior year of high school, then attended UCLA, UC Berkeley and UC Santa Barbara, where she received degrees in Art History with a specialty in Architectural and Urban History.

For the past 30 years, she has taught undergraduate and graduate level courses in European, American and California Architectural History and City Planning at various Southern California institutions, including Cal Poly Pomona, SDSU, the Newschool of Architecture, UCLA and UCSD Extension. A member of the American Institute of Certified Planners, she spent her 30-year career at Caltrans and the City of San Diego as a Planner, specializing in Environmental, Preservation, Land Use and Transportation Planning at the local, state and federal levels.

She recently termed out as a Trustee and Vice President of Programs for the California Preservation Foundation, where she regularly speaks on preservation and planning topics through their statewide conferences, workshops and webinars. She is a past President of the Southern California Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians, and a former Planning Commissioner, Council Member and Mayor of the City of La Habra Heights.

Doctor Kane has lived in La Jolla for the past twenty years. She is a Board member of the La Jolla Historical Society, where she chairs the Preservation Committee and was part of the award-winning team that rehabilitated Wisteria Cottage and saved La Jolla's Post Office from closure. She is co-author of "From Jazz Age to Our Age: La Jolla's Architects and Developers of the Twenties".

She is a founding member of Citizens for Responsible Coastal Development and is leading neighborhood efforts to rationalize traffic and congestion on Hillside Drive. She has served on the Development Permit Review Committee since 2010.