



ELAINE DODGE, JD CFRE

Board Member / Community Volunteer

Elaine has more than 30 years' experience in both nonprofit management and governance. She currently sits on the boards of the Rancho Santa Fe Foundation and the Friends of the Solana Beach Library. She serves on the Membership Committee of North County Philanthropy Council, and is an active volunteer with several other local and national organizations.

From 1987-1996, she practiced law in Washington, DC at two public interest law firms, primarily in the areas of civil rights and consumer protection. Her legal advocacy led her to become a founding board member of [STOP Foodborne Illness](#), a nonprofit public health organization where she also served as executive director. During her tenure, STOP's voices were heard by countless legislators and the organization was ultimately invited to participate in federal policy making.

After moving to San Diego in 2000, she was the first executive director of the Solana Beach Schools Foundation, raising private monies to support the public elementary schools in the Solana Beach School District. Two years later, she left that position to become the Development Director for the San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy, now [Nature Collective](#). After a briefly serving as the Director of Resource Development at the Encinitas based Community Resource Center, Elaine went on to become the Associate Director of Development at MiraCosta College, helping shape their newly formed Office of Institutional Advancement.

While at MiraCosta College, Elaine was elected to the Board of the Rancho Santa Fe Foundation where she is currently in her second term as a member of the Governance, Nominating, and Compensation Committee. Immediately after retiring, Elaine joined the board of the Friends of the Solana Beach Library where she chairs the Development Committee. Previously Elaine was a member of Hand to Hand at the Coastal Community Foundation.

Elaine is a graduate of UC Berkeley with degrees in Women's Studies and Political Science. She holds a JD from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law.