

JUDIE MANCUSO

"If animals could vote, Judie would be president."

Judie Mancuso founded nonprofits to help animals and has led organized opposition against some of the world's largest special interest groups to stop harmful and exploitative legislation that would negatively impact animals.

- In 2019, Mancuso was named in the top ten of the top 100 most influential people in Orange County.
- In 2021, Mancuso was voted Vice Chair of the Laguna Beach Environmental Sustainability Committee.
- Mancuso was appointed by the Laguna Beach City Council as a member of the Environmental Sustainability Committee for a second two-year term, which she is currently serving. She was appointed by the Speaker of the State Assembly, as a public member to the California Veterinary Medical Board in July 2010, where she served the maximum of two four-year terms.
- Mancuso's early career was spent in the Information Technology industry over a span of 20 years. She led large teams of engineers to design and develop enterprise-wide business software systems. Mancuso now dedicates her leadership and management skills to building coalitions that advocate to pass protective animal and environmental legislation and to stop harmful legislative attempts.



SCIL Social Compassion in Legislation

Founded 2007
501 (c)(4) nonprofit

Social Compassion in Legislation's (SCIL) is the leading political animal advocacy group founded to sponsor legislation that saves and protects animals. Since 2007, SCIL sponsored bills that eliminated the sale of animal tested cosmetics, banned wild animals in circuses, ended commercial and recreational fur trapping in the state, added several species used for their skins to a sales ban list, and required plant-based meals to be available in all state hospitals and prisons.

SCIL has also led the charge to protect our companion animals by banning the sale of puppy-mill bred dogs, cats, and rabbits from pet stores, mandated microchipping for all dogs and cats leaving animal shelters, legalized dining with your dog in both California and New York, created a specialty license plate that funds hundred of thousands of dollars worth of free or low cost spay and neuter surgeries, made the shelter pet the state pet of California, and made it illegal to leave animals unattended in cars during extreme weather.

SCIL has sponsored 54 bills since its inception, including 8 active campaigns in 2021, and succeeded in getting 18 of those signed into law. SCIL partners with other organizations aligned with our values to amplify a voice for the voiceless.

This year's bills include:

AB 1289 (Kalra) The Smart Climate, Agriculture Program
AB 702 (Santiago) Pet Breeder Humane Care Act
AB 1282 (Bloom/Wilk) CA Blood Bank Modernization Act
SB 376 (Stern) The Wildlife Trafficking and Trade Act
AB 564 (Gonzalez/Kalra) The Biodiversity Protection and Restoration Act
AB 534 (Bonta) Whale Entanglement Prevention Act
AB 416 (Kalra) Deforestation Free Procurement Act
AB 558 (Nazarian) CA School Plant Based Food and Beverage Program



Founded 2007
501 (c)(3) nonprofit

Social Compassion is the vehicle from which we drive all non-lobbying activities, including setting up and facilitating humane education programs, spay and neutering efforts, grassroots coalition building, and media and public outreach to raise public awareness to help stop animal abuse.

Social Compassion is our 501(c)(3) non-profit organization was founded in 2007 and focuses on instilling greater compassion throughout society by promoting the protection of all animals – Earth’s most vulnerable inhabitants – and the environment in which we all live. Through humane education programs, public service announcements, rapid response media campaigns, and support for spay and neuter programs throughout California and beyond, Social Compassion helps all beings gain the respect, rights, and health they deserve and need to thrive.



Founded 2020
Political Action Committee

At the Compassion PAC, our mission is to get political for animals and the environment by helping to elect candidates who are strong animal and environmental advocates.

In order to make laws protecting animals and the environment we must elect compassionate lawmakers. To accomplish this, we research and interview elected officials and candidates running for public office, endorsing those that already have exemplary voting records on these issues or candidates that we believe will be strong advocates. We then identify “priority races” for the purpose of supporting our endorsed candidates with funds from Compassion PAC by direct contribution to their campaigns.



Founded 2019
501 (c)(4) nonprofit

The mission of the California Plant-based Alliance is to safeguard and promote the California plant-based industry's opportunity to succeed equally in the marketplace and ensure consumers have access to healthy, humane, and sustainable plant-based food and product choices.



Founded 2010
501 (c)(3) nonprofit

The California Spay and Neuter License Plate Fund, Inc. was formed in 2010 to sell the 7500 pre-orders needed to get a specialty license plate on the road in California. The 7500 pre-orders, worth roughly half a million dollars, were transferred to the DMV in 2013, officially creating the program. The program has received millions of dollars through the sale of specialty license plates and funds hundreds of thousands of dollars in grants to spay and neuter providers for free and low cost surgeries. The Fund remains an active non-profit as the owner of the artwork used on the license plate, but no longer has an active role in administering the program.

Judie Mancuso lives in Laguna Beach, California where she resides with her rescued cats and dogs.

