

Lourdes Saab, as Chief of Protocol, manages the Office of Protocol whose function is to act as a liaison between the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and the 101 consulates which make up the Los Angeles Consular Corps. She serves on the boards of the International Visitors Council of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation.

Lourdes' government experience began in 1971. She was asked to join Mayor Yorty's Office of Latin American Affairs. Responsible for Public Affairs, she created monthly events, inviting community leaders of the Spanish speaking community to learn about government services. The synergy created by women leaders led to the formation of the Hispanic Women's Council, Inc. - a privately funded non-profit corporation dedicated to addressing the needs of the underserved community through the empowerment of women and youth. As a founding member, Lourdes later served on the board of directors and in 1985 was selected executive director, a position she held until 1993.

In 1973, Lourdes was asked to join Mayor Tom Bradley's administration. She worked for two Deputy Mayors, the Press Secretary and the Office of Protocol. In 1979 she worked for United Way where she was responsible for marketing and reorganizing a failing after-hours emergency food and shelter program and transferred it to the Red Cross.

From 1993 to 1997, Lourdes served as Chief of Protocol for Mayor Riordan. She later was hired by the Elizabeth Center for Cancer Detection in 2004 as its Development Director.

Throughout her career and as a volunteer, Lourdes with her husband Abdo, advocated for issues and candidates they believed in. For her community advocacy work, Lourdes received the L.A. Riots Hero Award by the Transfiguration Catholic Church for setting up the longest and most effective assistance program for the victims of the L.A. Riots. As Supervisor Ed Edelman's appointee, Lourdes served on the Los Angeles County Commission Department of Children's Services. For her Protocol work, Lourdes has received recognitions from individual Consulates and the Los Angeles Consular Corps.

One of Lourdes' favorite definition of protocol is: "creating an environment so that what needs to happen, happens." Understanding that protocol training benefits everyone, Lourdes has provided protocol training to corporations such as McDonald Douglas, the Rand Corporation to college, high school and adult school classes.

Lourdes was born in Mexico and was brought to the US when she was young, she married the love of her life, Abdo Saab, born in Hammana, Lebanon. They embraced each other's cultures - Lebanese and Mexican, and their two daughters, Liane and Jessica, benefited from this richness.