

## **LORA HAMMOND WEBER**

Lora Weber is a public policy professional, small business owner, community leader...and ice cream fanatic.

Lora's interest in public policy stems from her 25-year executive level career in Texas government. This included stints as Director of Consumer and Public Affairs for the Texas Public Utility Commission, Executive Director of the Texas Incentive and Productivity Commission, Deputy Executive Director of the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, and Director of External Relations for the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Honors in recognition of her contributions to the state include an Outstanding Woman in Texas Government award from the Governor's Commission for Women and being named Woman of the Year by Executive Women in Texas Government. She also was selected for the Governor's Executive Development Program and for Leadership Texas, a year-long program that provides advanced training for the top women leaders of Texas. She served as the first Chair of the State Employee Charitable Campaign for the Capital Area which raised almost \$2 million for Central Texas charitable organizations its first year.

During the mid-1990's, Lora founded the Consumers Alliance of the Southeast (CASE), a non-profit coalition of consumer groups, community leaders, and small businesses in twelve states. As president of the organization, Lora represented CASE members on service issues vital to the home and small business before state legislatures and regulatory bodies as well as before Congress and federal agencies in Washington D.C. Lora also served on the board of a number of national consumer organizations including the National Consumers League and the Verizon National Consumer Advisory Board.

Lora and her husband, Jay, love ice cream, and from 2005 through 2019, they owned MaggieMoo's Ice Cream & Treatery in Round Rock, Texas. In 2012, MaggieMoo's was honored as the Round Rock Chamber of Commerce Small Business of the Year. Lora earlier received the Chamber Chairman's Award in 2011.

Lora also brings her lifelong public service commitment to her home community, as a member of the 2013 Round Rock Bond Advisory Commission, as chair of the Round Rock Chamber Board of Directors, and as a member of the Economic Development Advisory Committee. She currently serves on the Capital Area Economic Development District for the Capital Area Council of Governments and on the board of the CHASCO Family YMCA in Round Rock. She also is a founder of the Austin Threshold Choir, and has sung at the bedside of hospice patients every week for ten years. In addition, Lora is a PADI certified dive master and has long enjoyed teaching scuba diving as a volunteer for the Texins Dive Club.

Lora holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and political science from Stephen F. Austin State University.