

COUNCIL DISTRICT 3 REPRESENTATIVE: Ms. Jill Haber

Ms. Jill Haber says that her love for horses began when she was a little girl and that love has only grown as the years have passed. She grew up in the West San Fernando Valley in Woodland Hills. At the time, Pierce College consisted of open land and served as her playground. After school, she would ride her bike to the college and marvel at the agricultural animals that were kept there. Ms. Haber began mucking stalls at the neighborhood stable in exchange for riding lessons. She was 10 years old. By the time she turned 12, she leased a pregnant horse and got to keep the baby and train him. Shadow was her constant companion until he peacefully passed at the ripe old age of 25. With the assistance of her trainer, Ms. Haber began training other horses at 15 years old. She both trained and rode the young ponies that came through her barn and also spent many years showing in the English Hunter/Jumper show circuit. By the time she was 20, Ms. Haber established her own local barn where she taught and showed the English Hunter/Jumper show circuit with neighborhood students.

Ms. Haber has been involved with riding and training horses most of her life and has had her own boarding stable in Tarzana for over 30 years. She has always been an advocate for animal welfare issues and is a resource for information and help whenever needed. Ms. Haber is especially interested in keeping the ties that link local communities to their agricultural heritage. She is actively involved with combatting the rising trend of developers attempting to rid communities of agricultural animals by helping to establish preservation rights through changes to the municipal code. These changes would allow agricultural animals, including horses, to remain in local neighborhoods.