



PORT OF REDWOOD CITY



Ralph Garcia

Chairperson

Garcia was first appointed to the Port Commission in 2005 and reappointed in 2007 and 2012. He previously served over 10 years on the Redwood City Planning Commission, including a two-year term as commission chairman.

He has owned Ralph's Vacuum and Sewing Center in Redwood City for more than 40 years, a business he describes as one of the few remaining family businesses in that industry. He has been a member of the Redwood City Optimist Club for 40 years, including two terms as president and a long-time sergeant-at-arms. The club supported \$50,000 in music instruments and equipment to sustain music programs in the Redwood City Elementary School District.

Garcia also served on the Board of Directors of El Centro de Libertad (the Freedom Center), a program in Redwood City that offers outpatient alcohol and drug treatment and related services.

Away from his business, he enjoys restoring cars and entering them into car shows. He has lived in Redwood City since he was 12, attending local schools as well as Menlo-Atherton High School. He and his wife, Teresa, have four adult children.