



Community-At-Large Awardee: Media

Jane Velez-Mitchell

KCAL 9 News at noon and 3 p.m., Co-Ancor

Jane Velez-Mitchell is most recognized for her work as a television news anchor for KCAL 9 News at noon and 2 p.m., co-anchored with Dave Gonzalez. In addition to the many awards and accolades Jane has received for her journalistic work, she and former co-anchor Kerry Kilbride received a 1990 Golden Mike Award for best one-hour newscast in Southern California.

However, Jane has found many other ways to enhance her role in the community through her creative and personal resources. She wrote and produced *Bark Bark, Meow Meow, Tweet Tweet*, a children's opera that promotes a message of tolerance and self-acceptance. To further explore her range of talent and curiosity, Jane launched *vegtv.com*, a website to teach healthy living, and most recently produced an award-winning documentary entitled, *Anita Velez: Dancing Through Life*, which chronicles her mother's experiences as an immigrant from Puerto Rico.

Before coming to KCAL 9, Jane was a well-known reporter for WCBS in New York. In her eight years with WCBS, she covered a wide variety of stories, including the aftermath of the devastating earthquake and mudslide in South America.

While at KCAL 9, Jane produced *Primo Latino*, which enlightened audiences to many active Latina women from all walks of life who strive for various causes within the realm of social justice and positive change, and who are making a difference in their communities.

Jane Velez-Mitchell has become an invaluable asset to the daily lives of the thousands of Los Angeles County residents who benefit from her many creative and altruistic endeavors. The Los Angeles County Commission for Women applauds Jane for providing women with a vibrant, innovative and progressive role model.