

## East Palo Alto mayor gets national office

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East Palo Alto Mayor Barbara Mouton has been elected third vice president of the National Conference of Black Mayors, which represents some 288 black mayors across the country.

Mouton said last week that 34 of the mayors are women. One of her goals as an officer of the group will be "to increase the participation of women in the conference."

"It's certainly a male world now," she said.

She also intends to "do whatever I can to maximize the benefits for cities in general, and particularly for my city."

She was elected to the position at the 11th annual convention of

the conference in Hartford, Conn. The mayor who was previously third vice president lost in a bid for re-election, requiring a vote to fill the conference position.

Mouton will serve out the remainder of the term until it expires in April 1986. President of the National Conference of Black Mayors is Marion Barry of Washington, D.C.; first vice president is Thirman Milner of Hartford; and second vice president is Thomas Cook of East Orange, N.J.

Mouton said that the conference of black mayors is "a major voice in developing national policy and increasing the voice of mayors of

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the cities of the nation."

Theme of the conference in Hartford was: "Growing in num- can."

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ber, growing in unity."

"We want to develop the kinds of resources that will meet the challenges that will confront us in the years to come," Mouton said. "It's an honor to be elected, and I'm very appreciative of the opportunity to be able to do whatever I