



SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

LEON L. WILLIAMS
SUPERVISOR, FOURTH DISTRICT

BIOGRAPHY

NATIONAL & STATE BOARDS:

- NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
- PRESIDENT CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
- SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

Leon L. Williams was elected to his third four-year term on the San Diego County Board of Supervisors in June, 1990. His political career began in 1969 after being appointed, then subsequently elected, to the San Diego City Council, serving as councilmember from San Diego's Fourth District until December, 1982. He was first elected to the Board of Supervisors in June, 1982.

REGIONAL BOARDS:

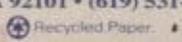
- VICE CHAIR METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT BOARD
- SAN DIEGO WATER AUTHORITY WATER RECLAMATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
- CO-CHAIR REGIONAL TASK FORCE ON THE HOMELESS
- CO-CHAIR CITY / COUNTY REINVESTMENT TASK FORCE
- SAN DIEGO CONSORTIUM AND PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL
- CHAIR SERVICE AUTHORITY FOR FREEWAY EMERGENCIES
- CHAIR ABANDONED VEHICLE ABATEMENT AUTHORITY

As County Supervisor, Williams has been a progressive voice for public participation in government.

Some of Williams' most significant accomplishments during the last ten years on the Board of Supervisors include:

- Initiating a County-wide Prevention Policy to focus on long-term strategies for reducing crime, gangs, substance abuse, and preventable health care costs. Programs include perinatal, child care, gang prevention and others.
- Leading efforts to require financial institutions to reinvest in moderate and low income communities through means such as small business and homeownership loans. Successes to date include the development of San Diego specific reinvestment strategies adopted by Bank of America and Wells Fargo Bank in 1991 and 1992 respectively.
- Establishing San Diego's Regional Growth and Planning Review Task Force, which brought together San Diego County land use experts, community leaders and environmentalists to conduct the first comprehensive analysis of countywide growth management policies.
- Winning Board approval for the County Human Relations Commission and creating the first Hate Crimes Registry in 1989, both providing a means to ease tension and violence among different groups and communities in the County.

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- Establishing the County's Commission on Health Care Reform which addresses how to improve the partnership cost and access of health care to residents through public/private sector interface.
- Initiating the establishment of the County's Trauma System which has become a model for trauma systems throughout the nation.
- Promoting successful state legislation which led to the installation of a freeway emergency call box system on San Diego County's highways.
- Advocating for increased funding for gang prosecution, more jail beds and additional court rooms.
- Winning Board approval of the Regional Urban Information System, a computerized data base which is being developed cooperatively with the City of San Diego to facilitate retrieval of building and land-related information.
- Creating and enlisting support for a smoking ordinance in San Diego County to protect the health of non-smokers in the workplace and other public places.
- Founding San Diego's Household Hazardous Waste Programs which, since its inception in 1984, has collected and ensured the responsible disposal of over four million pounds of hazardous waste.
- Championing an ordinance to create the Commission on Children and Youth (established in 1986), enabling the county to identify and address the needs of children and youth using a wide ranging approach.
- Serving as the leading proponent for reforms in the county government, including a 1984 charter change to increase county government accountability and promote cooperation among the five county supervisors.
- Fighting for increased funding and resources in the war against AIDS. Through his efforts and support, the San Diego AIDS Project found a home and the County created an Office on AIDS Coordination, formed the Regional Task Force on AIDS and, most recently, enacted an AIDS anti-discrimination ordinance.

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Williams brings to his office unique experience both as an elected official and former county employee in his over three decades of dedicated public service. After earning a bachelor's degree in psychology and completing extensive graduate level course work in law, public administration and political science, Williams worked in the county's welfare department and as administrative assistant to the San Diego County Sheriff. Williams holds an honorary doctorate of humane letters from National University. Additionally, during the 1970's, he taught public policy and government administration at San Diego State University.

Williams is a devoted family man and takes special pride in the accomplishments of his children and grandchildren. He is an avid athlete and outdoorsman who enjoys running, cycling and camping throughout California.

Williams has represented the San Diego District on the California Coastal Commission since January 1993.

Williams is a member of the Board of Directors of The National Association of Counties (NACo) and is past president of the California State Association of Counties (CSAC), a nonprofit corporation that promotes the interests of California's 58 counties before the state's executive and legislative branches, as well as, the U.S. Congress. One of the association's goals is to educate the public about the value and need for county programs and services.

Williams is extremely active in his role as Chair of the Metropolitan Transit Development Board (MTDB), the agency which operates the San Diego Trolley and the San Diego Transit bus system. MTDB is currently working on a major expansion of the trolley and feeder bus services which will include new routes serving the entire San Diego region.

Once a small business owner himself, Williams understands the importance of San Diego's business community and is committed to protecting its interests. To this end, Williams is a devoted co-chair of the City/County Reinvestment Task Force and works diligently to ensure that local banks extend fair lending policies to all San Diegans. Additionally, he is a member of the San Diego Water Authority's Water Reclamation Advisory Committee and the Southern Californian Hazardous Waste Authority, vice-chair of the Regional Task Force on the Homeless and chairman of the Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies.

The Fourth Supervisorial District includes all or parts of the following San Diego communities: Downtown, Southeast, Encanto, Skyline, Mission Hills, Old Town, Loma Portal, Linda Vista, Serra Mesa, Hillcrest, North Park, Mid-City, East San Diego, City Heights, Golden Hill, Normal Heights, University Heights, Kensington, Clairemont, Kearny Mesa, Spring Valley and Mission Valley.

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