

Board of Supervisors

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What We Do

The Board of Supervisors serves as the Legislative body of San Luis Obispo County for the planning and provision of services related to public needs and the requirements of state and federal laws. California law provides for five Supervisors to be elected by district. Each Supervisor is elected for a four-year term. Two of the Supervisors' terms are staggered so that all Supervisors are not standing for election at the same time. As the elected representative of the people of San Luis Obispo County, the Board of Supervisors establishes overall county priorities and sets policy.

District 1

**Frank R.
Mecham**
Chairperson

District 2

**Bruce S.
Gibson**

District 3

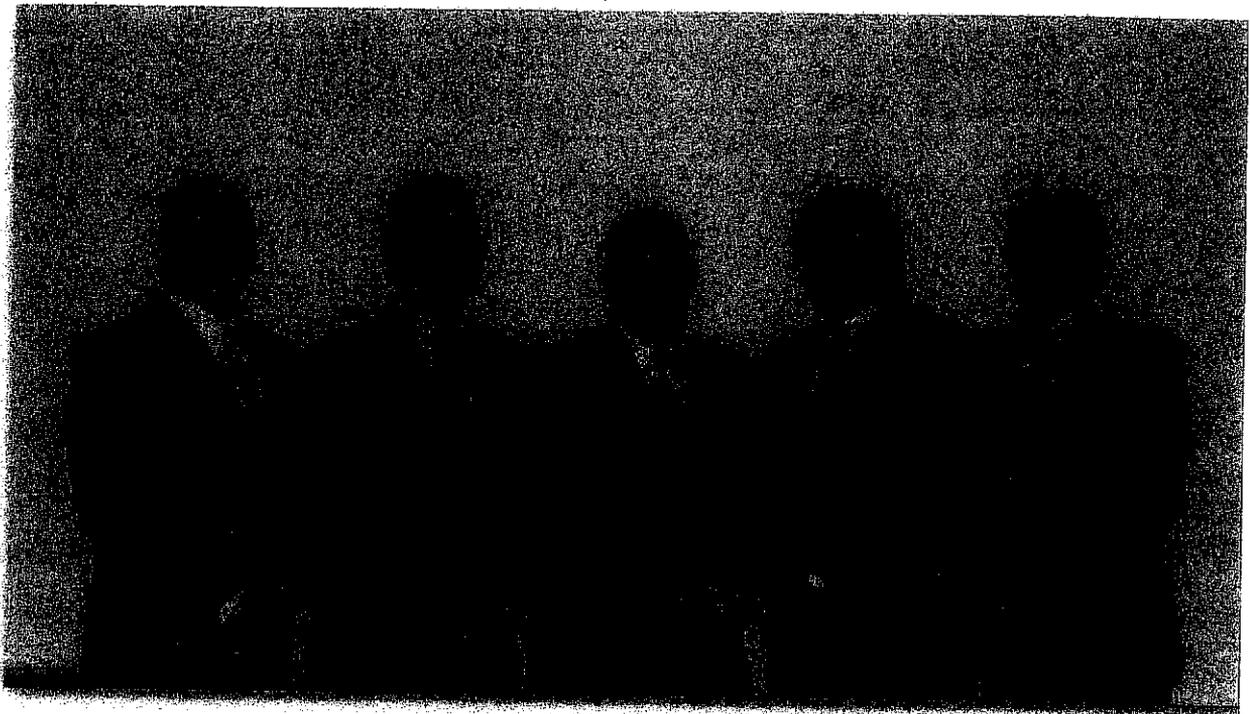
Adam Hill
Vice-
Chairperson

District 4

**K.H.
"Katcho"
Achadjian**

District 5

**James R.
Patterson**



ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 460

460. The state is divided into counties. The names, boundaries, and territorial subdivisions thereof are declared in Title 3 (commencing with Section 23000).

GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 23000-23027

23000. A county is the largest political division of the State having corporate powers.

23001. The State is divided into counties, named, bounded, and constituted as provided in this title.

23002. The several existing counties of the State and such other counties as are hereafter organized are legal subdivisions of the State.

23003. A county is a body corporate and politic, has the powers specified in this title and such others necessarily implied from those expressed.

23012. The names of the counties of the State are:

Alameda	Marin	San Luis Obispo
Alpine	Mariposa	San Mateo
Amador	Mendocino	Santa Barbara
Butte	Merced	Santa Clara
Calaveras	Modoc	Santa Cruz
Colusa	Mono	Shasta
Contra Costa	Monterey	Sierra
Del Norte	Napa	Siskiyou
El Dorado	Nevada	Solano
Fresno	Orange	Sonoma
Glenn	Placer	Stanislaus
Humboldt	Plumas	Sutter
Imperial	Riverside	Tehama
Inyo	Sacramento	Trinity
Kern	San Benito	Tulare
Kings	San Bernardino	Tuolumne
Lake	San Diego	Ventura
Lassen	San Francisco	Yolo
Los Angeles	San Joaquin	Yuba
Madera		

23140. The boundaries of San Luis Obispo County are as follows:

Beginning in the Pacific Ocean, at the northwestern corner of Santa Barbara; thence easterly, on the northern line of Santa Barbara, up the Santa Maria River, to the intersection of the southern line of T. 10 N., San Bernardino base; thence east on said line to the southeast corner of Sec. 31, in T. 10 N., R. 24 W., S. B. B. & M.; thence north on the dividing section lines between 31 and 32, 30 and 29, 19 and 20, 18 and 17, 7 and 8, 6 and 5, to the northeast corner of Sec. 6, in the said township and range; thence continuing north through T. 11 N., R. 24 W., S. B. B. & M., on the section lines between Secs. 31 and 32, 30 and 29, 19 and 20, 18 and 17, 7 and 8, 6 and 5, to the northeast corner of Sec. 6 in said township and range; thence west on the township line between T. 11 and 12 N., R. 24 W., S. B. B. & M., and along the north boundary of Sec. 6 to the northwest corner of said T. 11 N., R. 24 W., S. B. B. & M.; thence north, between Secs. 31 (in fractional T. 12 N., R. 24 W.), and Sec. 36 (in fractional T. 12 N., R. 25 W.), to the eighth standard parallel south of M. D. B. & M.;

Thence westerly on the said eighth standard parallel south to the corner common to T. 32 S., R. 22 E., and 32 S., R. 23 E., M. D. B. & M.; thence northerly, as per the United States survey, on the line between said townships and ranges, to the northeast corner of T. 32 S., R. 22 E., M. D. B. & M.; thence westerly on the north boundary of said township and range to the corner common to T. 31 S., R. 21 E., 32 S., R. 21 E., M. D. M.; thence north to the northeast corner of T. 31 S., R. 21 E., M. D. M.; thence west eight miles to the southwest corner of Sec. 35, in T. 30 S., R. 20 E.; thence north on the section line between Secs. 34 and 35, 27 and 26, 22 and 23, 15 and 14, 10 and 11, and 3 and 2, to the northeast corner of Sec. 3 in T. 30 S., R. 20 E., M. D. B. & M.; thence west four miles to the northwest corner of said last above named township and range; thence north to the northeast corner of T. 29 S., R. 19 E.; thence west to the northwest corner of said T. 29 S., R. 19 E., M. D. B. & M.;

Thence west one mile to the southeast corner of Sec. 35, T. 28 S., R. 18 E., M. D. M.; thence north to the northeast corner of Sec. 26, said township and range; thence west to the northwest corner of said Sec. 26; thence north to the northeast corner of Sec. 22; thence west to the northwest corner of Sec. 22; thence north to the northeast corner of Sec. 16; thence west to the northwest corner of Sec. 8; thence north to the northeast corner of Sec. 8; thence west to the northwest corner of Sec. 8; thence north to the township line at the northeast corner of Sec. 6; thence west to the northwest corner of T. 28 S., R. 18 E.; thence north on the range line to the northeast corner of T. 27 S., R. 17 E., M. D. B. & M.; thence west on the township line to the northwest corner of said township; thence north, on the range line between T. 26 S., R. 16 E., and T. 26 S., R. 17 E., to the northeast corner of T. 26 S., R. 16 E.; thence north on the range line between T. 25 S., R. 16 E., and T. 25 S., R. 17 E., M. D. B. & M., to the northeast corner of T. 25 S., R. 18 E., on the sixth standard parallel south of Mount Diablo base; thence west on said standard parallel and extension thereof to the Pacific Ocean; thence southerly along the shore to the place of beginning.

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San Luis Obispo County, CA

June 3, 2008 Election



Frank R. Mecham

Candidate for
County Supervisor; San Luis Obispo County;
Supervisorial District 1

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Biographical Highlights

- Occupation: Mayor/Businessman
- Mayor of Paso Robles (2000-present)
- Nacimiento Water Commissioner
- Twin Cities Hospital Board Member
- City Councilman (1998-2000)
- City Planning Commissioner (1996-1998)
- Local Businessman and 5th-generation resident of San Luis Obispo County.

Top Priorities if Elected

- Protect the North County's great quality of life.
- Support fiscal responsibility in our county government.
- Create jobs and strengthen our agricultural economy.



Key Endorsements

- San Luis Obispo News Tribune
- Paso Robles Professional Firefighters
- State Assemblyman Sam Blakeslee



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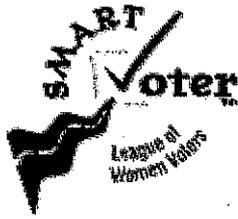
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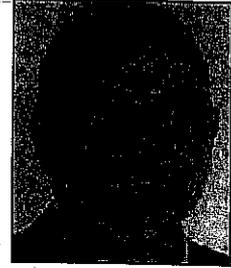
San Luis Obispo County, CA

November 7, 2006 Election

Full Biography for Bruce Gibson



Candidate for
County Supervisor; County of San Luis
Obispo; Supervisorial District 2



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A fifth-generation Californian, I live in rural Cayucos with my wife, Grace Crittenden. We have two sons, Brian, 22, and Scott, 18. I was born in 1952 and grew up in the San Fernando Valley. My family moved to Santa Barbara when I was in high school.

After attending Pomona College, I completed my master's degree in geophysics at the University of Hawaii. In 1976 I took a job in Houston doing research in exploration seismology. After 8 years there, I then helped establish a seismic exploration program at Rice University, where I also completed my doctorate in geophysics.

In 1989, our family moved to Cambria. Since 1990, we have owned a ranch in rural Cayucos, where I have farmed the county's oldest commercial orange grove.

Off the ranch, I have been active in a number of community organizations including,

- Various committees of the Cambria and Cayucos schools,
- The Cayucos Citizens Advisory Council,
- The Boards of the Land Conservancy of SLO County and the Cayucos Land Conservancy, and
- Hearst Ranch Conservation NOW. I have served SLO County on the Ag Preserve Review Committee and am currently the Planning Commissioner for District 2.

I enjoy a wide variety of outdoor recreation, especially any activity in, on, or under the water. I also have my pilot's license and feel especially lucky to be able fly over SLO County.

CURRICULUM VITAE

Born San Fernando, CA. Married to Grace Crittenden, 2 sons (Brian and Scott)

EDUCATION: B.A., 1973, Pomona College, Claremont, CA M.S., 1975, University of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI Ph.D., 1989, Rice University, Houston, TX

EMPLOYMENT:

1973 - 1976 Research Assistant, University of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI.

1976 - 1984 Sr. Research Geophysicist, Western Geophysical Co., Houston, TX.

1984 - 1989 Research Scientist, Rice University, Houston, TX. Director of Data Processing, Dept. of Geology and Geophysics.

1989-present Self-employed rancher/farmer, Cayucos.

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

1992 - 1993 Member, School Site Council, Cambria Grammar School.

1994 - 2003 Member, Cayucos Citizens Advisory Council, a community organization advising the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors. President 1994-1996 and 2001-2003.

1995 - 2003 Member, Board of Directors, Santa Paula Orange Association, a grower-owned cooperative packing house within the Sunkist Growers system.

1998 - 1999 Member, Facilities Advisory/Oversight Committee, Coast Union School District, Cambria, CA.

1998-present Member, Board of Trustees, The Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County, a private, non-profit land trust. President, 1999-2001 and 2002-2004.

2000 + 2003 Ag Preserve Review Committee, San Luis Obispo County advisory committee for Williamson Act contract applications.

2001-present Member, Board of Directors, Cayucos Land Conservancy, a private non-profit land trust.

2004 Co-chair, Hearst Ranch Conservation NOW, an independent advocacy group.

2004 Member, Cayucos Educational Support Committee, promoting the successful passage of a school bond for the Cayucos Elementary School District.

2005-present Environmental Awards Selection Committee, SLO County Community Foundation

2005-present Planning Commissioner, District 2, San Luis Obispo County

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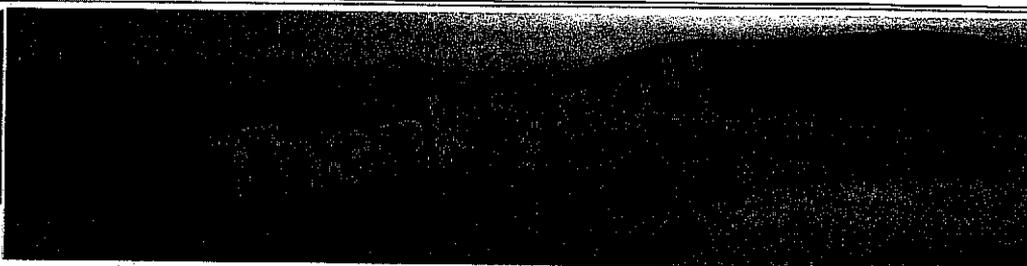
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Biographical Highlights:

Resident of District Three since 1995.

Teacher at Cal Poly, Dept of English, 1995—present

President of the Food Bank Coalition of SLO County, 2004-2007

- Board member since 2003

Member of the Steering Committee of the SLO County Housing Trust Fund, 2006-present

Member of Advisory Board for the Workforce Housing Coalition, current

Member of Citizens Tax Oversight Committee, Grover Beach, current

Contributor to the *Los Angeles Times* and *The San Francisco Chronicle*, 2003-present

B.A. in Government, from the University of Maryland

M.A. in English, from Fresno State

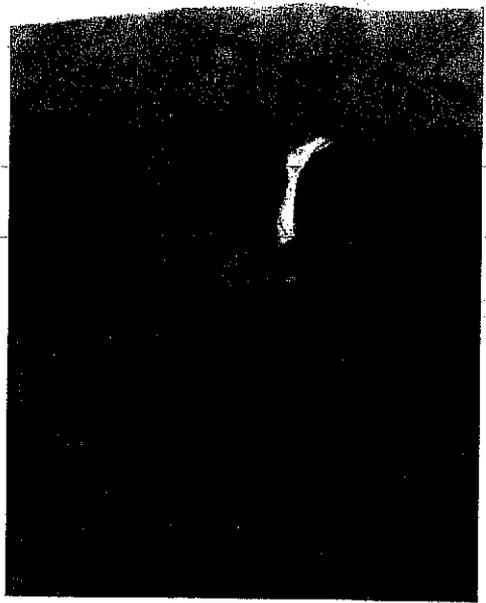
M.F.A. in Writing from Louisiana State University

Married to: Ginny Bayly-Hill, Tile Designer, and also a Board member for Habitat for Humanity

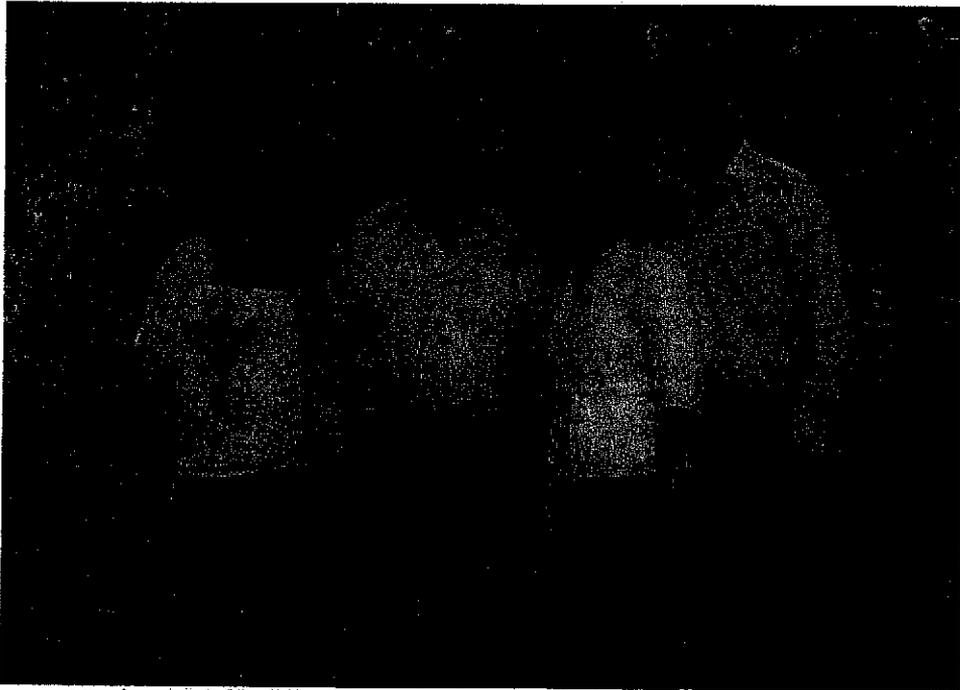
Step-Father to: Kate, Burl, and Russell Vreeland

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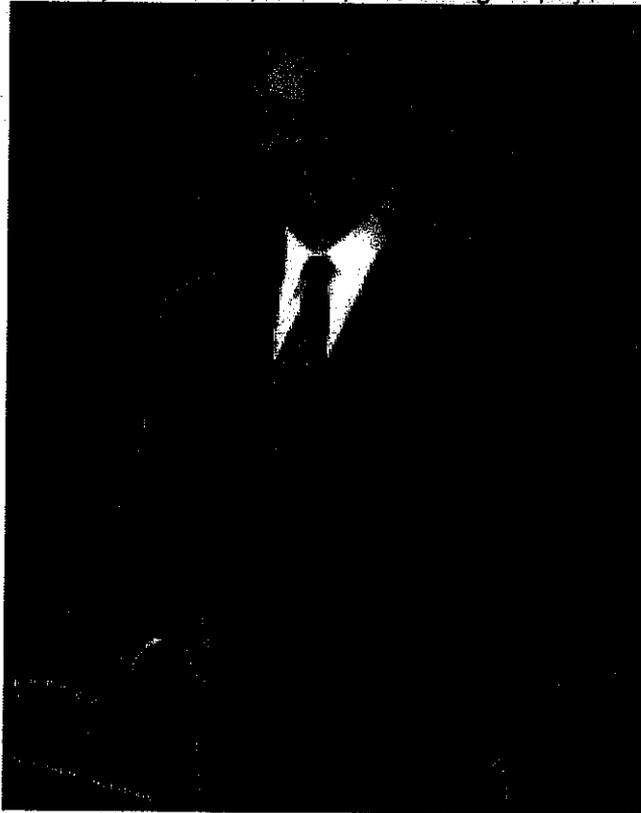
- Central Coast Ag Network
- The Land Conservancy of SLO County
- California Faculty Association
- League of Women Voters
- Union of Concerned Scientists
- National Education Association
- The Point San Luis Lighthouse Keepers
- The Tree Guild
- Five Cities Dog Park Association



About Katcho



Katcho and his wife Araxie celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary.
They have a son, Hratch, and a daughter, Nyrj.



Katcho Achadjian, born to Armenian parents, immigrated to the United States where through hard work and perseverance he was able to pursue the American Dream.

A graduate of both Cuesta Community College and Cal Poly, Katcho has lived on the Central Coast since 1971. He proudly earned his United States Citizenship on December 17th, 1982.

A successful business owner since 1978, Katcho employs thirty local workers at his three businesses.

A dedicated community volunteer, Katcho has an exemplary record as a public servant to the community donating his time freely to worthwhile causes. He remains committed to giving back to a country and a community that have been so good to him.

In his three terms as County Supervisor in San Luis Obispo County, Katcho has fought hard to protect taxpayers, property rights, and public safety while holding down the cost of government.

Honored Community Servant

Awards/Recognitions:

- Altrusa International, Honorary Lifetime Membership Awarded 2006
- South County Boys & Girls Club "Angels for Kids" Award Recipient 2003, 2004, 2005
- San Luis Obispo Shrine Club Life Membership award June 27-2002
- Special Olympics "Inspire Greatness" award 2002
- Proclamation Award From City of Arroyo Grande (DARE): 1995
- Five Cities Pismo Beach Rotary Club, Paul Harris Fellow 1986
- Citizen of the Year, Arroyo Grande Chamber of Commerce: 1984

Appointments:

- Mid State Fair Board Member, San Luis Obispo 1992-1998
Chairman of the Board: 1995
V.P. Chairman of Operations Committee 1994
Chairman of the Board 1995

Involvement:



- Five Cities – Pismo Beach Rotary Club
Community Service Chairman 1984,
President 1985,
Paul Harris Fellow 1986,
Paul Harris Fellow Chairman 1990-1991,
International Service Director District #5240 1991-1992
Member 1984 – Present
- Special Olympics of San Luis Obispo County
Board of Directors 1991-2001,
Finance Committee Chairman 1993-1994,
Honorary board member 2001 – Present
- South County Performing Arts Building Foundation
Founder 1993
- Arroyo Grande Lodge 274 Freemason 32°
Member 1991- present
- Central Coast Exchange Club of South San Luis Obispo County
President 1984
Member 1982 – Present
- South County Boys and Girls Club
Honorary Board Member 2000-Present
- Harvest Festival Committee Arroyo Grande
Executive Treasurer 1981, President 1985
Member 1978-1990
- United Way / Neighbors Helping Neighbors
South County Steering Committee 1990
;Member 1984-1994
- City of Hope Central Coast Chapter
Fund Raising Chairman 1983
Member 1981 -1985
- Y.M.C.A. Young Men's Christian Association
South County Steering Committee 1989;
Leadership Foundation 1990 1991,
Century Club 1992-1993
- Clark Center – South County Performing Arts Association, Inc.
Board of Directors 2001 – Present
Endowment Fund Committee 2004 - Present

Leadership to Make Government Work Better

Awards/Recognitions:

- New Times 15th Annual Best of SLO County 2001 "Best Supervisor"
Award

Appointments:

- Appointed to California Coastal Commission 2006-Present

Involvement:

- Elected to the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors, November 1998 -Present
Served as Chairman in 2001 and 2006.
- First 5 Commission, Charter Chairman 1999 - Present
Supports programs for children from birth to age 5 that improve children's health such as vision screening, medical checkups, stop smoking services and children's health insurance. Also includes preschool programs and kindergarten transition.
- S.L.O. Council of Governments Board, Chairman 2001, Member 1999-Present
Responsible for regional transportation planning for San Luis County as well as cities within the county. SLOCOG plans, prioritizes and programs transportation system improvements on state highways and routes of regional significance and assists local jurisdictions in implementing all forms of transportation.
- S.L.O. Regional Transit Authority, Chairman 2000, Member 1999-Present
Provides region-wide public transportation and Rideshare services.
- Integrated Waste Management Authority Board, Board member 1999-Present
Provides regional recycling services and household hazardous waste programs for member jurisdictions.
- Air Pollution Control District Board, Board member 1999-Present, Chairman 2001 and 2009
Regional board that provides for long and short range air quality goals by periodically reviewing and updating the Air Quality Plan and APCD rules and regulations.
- SLO Children's Health Initiative
Coordinates efforts to insure every child age 0 to 18 years of age in SLO County
President 2007 - Present,
Charter Board Member 2005 – Present
- South County Youth Master Plan Committee
Member Steering Committee 1997
- Arroyo Grande Watershed Forum Steering Committee 2001-2002

Leadership for a Stronger Economy

Awards/Recognition:

- Arroyo Grande Chamber of Commerce, Our Hero Award Recipient 2004

Involvement:

- Member, Arroyo Grande Chamber of Commerce 1978 – Present
President 1981
- Farm Bureau of San Luis Obispo County, Member 1997 - Present
- Nipomo Chamber of Commerce Member: 1999 – Present
- Cal Poly SLO Orfalea College of Business Executive Partners Leadership Council, 2008 – Present
- Organizing Committee for Arroyo Grande Village Merchant's Association
Member 1984
- South County Economic Development Association, Member 1993-1995

Leadership for a Better Community

Awards/Recognition:

- Dana Adobe: Meritorious Award for successful efforts to protect the natural and cultural landscape of Rancho Nipomo 2008

Involvement:

- League of Women Voters, Member 2004 - Present
- Partnership for the Children of San Luis Obispo County
1993-2001, Charter President and founding member
- Energy Shortage Technical Contingency Plan for SLO County
Advisor 1993-1994
- Honorary board member South County Boys and Girls Club since 2000
- Local Agency Formation Commission
Reviews proposals for incorporation of new cities or districts and changes in organization of these agencies including dissolutions, consolidations, annexations and mergers; determines spheres of influence for cities and special districts.
Chairman 2007
Member 1999 –Present

Commitment to Public Safety

Awards/Recognition:

- National Child Safety Council Merit Award: 1980
- Arroyo Grande Police Department
Explorers Merit Award: November 1983
Citizens Assisting Police Honorary Volunteer Award, 1998
- Arroyo Grande Fire Department Fire Service Citizens Recognition Award,
1993
- S.L.O. County Sheriffs Department
Honorary Member, Aero Squadron, 1997

- Attorney General Certificate of Appreciation for Support of Law Enforcement, 2004
- Vandenberg Air Force Base
Appreciation of Continued Support Award, 2005
- California D.A.R.E. Officers Association
Presidents Award 2006

Involvement:

- Mental Health Advisory Board and Mental Health Criminal Justice Task Force, 2009
- Member, San Luis Obispo Law Enforcement Assistance Foundation 2002-Present
Secretary 2002-2004
Vice President 2004 – Present
- San Luis Obispo Sheriffs Advisory Council
Chairman of the Board 1994-1995
Board Member 1990 - Present
- International Footprint Association
Promotes Cooperation among all arms of law enforcement
Member 1994 - Present
- Organized Arroyo Grande Police Department Community Advisory Council: September 1996.
Chairman, 1996 - Present
- Restore DARE vehicle: Arroyo Grande Police Department,
Fundraising and Project Chairman 1995
- S.A.V.E. Sexual Assault Victim Education: 1980
Founder of South County Chapter: 1982

Leadership to Improve Health Care

Awards/Recognition:

- The spirit of W.W. Hayes MD (1837-1901) award by County Medical Society, October 2003
- Oceano Healthy Start Recognition Award for Continuous Support 1998
- Recognition award for continuous support for Oceano Healthy Start June 1998
- "You Make the Difference" award from Children's Leadership Team

Involvement:

- Freemason Arroyo Grande Lodge 274
Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children 100 Million Dollar Club
Member 1991 - Present

- Shriners Hospital For Crippled Children 100 Million Dollar Club
Co-chair set up off-premises screening clinic for children in need of hospitalization for orthopedic and after burn treatment: 1994
- The Wellness Community Center of the Central Coast,
A free program of education, emotional support and hope for people with cancer and their loved ones)
Founding Board Member, 2006
- Central Coast Health Partners, Board of Directors, Oct. 1997-1998
- French Hospital Medical Center
Board of Directors 1997 -1999
Chairman 1998
- Arroyo Grande Community Hospital
Board of Directors 1988-1998
Chairman of the Board 1997 and 1998
- General Hospital Governing Board
Leadership Committee and Steering Committee, 1999-2003
- Model of Care Partnership Oversight Committee (Martha's Place)
Works to ensure that all children receive any interventions, treatment, and support needed to reach their highest level of growth and development.
Founding Member 2004 - Present
- Santa Barbara/San Luis Obispo Regional Health Authority (CENCAL)
Advocates for comprehensive health care coverage
Board Member 2008-Present

Leadership for Better Schools

Awards/Recognition:

- Community College League of California
In recognition of exemplifying in life the value of community colleges,
awarded Distinguished Alumnus of 2008
- Cuesta College Honored Alumni
Alumnus of the Year, 2007
- Lucia Mar unified School District, Hall of Fame Honoree 2006
- Association of California School Administrators
Outstanding Service to Education Award, 1998
- Arroyo Grande High School Homecoming Grand Marshall: 1996

Involvement:

- Arroyo Grande High School Student Support Center
Organizing Committee Member 2000-2007
- Project Educate to Build an Oceano Library- Co-Chair, 2003-2005
- San Luis Obispo Literacy Council
Associate 1994-1997

- Arroyo Grande High School
Eagles' Basketball Wall of Gold Charter Member: 1992

San Luis Obispo County, CA

June 3, 2008 Election

Full Biography for James R. Patterson



Candidate for
County Supervisor; San Luis Obispo
County; Supervisorial District 5

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For Jim Patterson, public service is a way of life. He has served his community and led by example throughout the 33 years he has lived and worked in SLO County. His professional accomplishments include owning and building a thriving business, managing a farming and ranching enterprise, and spearheading the water conservation program for the Atascadero Mutual Water Company.

As a businessman and community leader, Jim has listened carefully and worked effectively with others to find creative solutions to complex problems. In the process he has earned a reputation as someone who can build bridges between people from diverse backgrounds and with diverse interests.

A Native Californian and Cal Poly graduate, Jim Patterson was the Water Conservation Manager for the Atascadero Mutual Water Company, a certified arborist, and former owner of Bay Laurel Garden Center (recipient of the Atascadero Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Community Service Award). He built his home in South Atascadero in 1977, where he raised his son, Jesse, a 2002 graduate of UCSB.

Proven leadership and community involvement:

- Board of Supervisors, Chair 2008
- Council of Governments, Past President, Executive Committee Member
- Workforce Housing Coalition, Advisory Board Member
- YMCA, Board Member
- Atascadero Community Link, Board Member
- Economic Opportunity Commission, Executive Committee Member
- Fire Safe Council, President
- Air Pollution Control District; Past Chair
- Integrated Waste Management Authority, Board Member
- Oak Resources Advisory Committee, Chair
- Economic Vitality Corporation, Trends Committee Member
- Student Community Liaison Committee, Member
- Childhood Obesity Prevention Task Force, Member
- Carrizo Plain National Monument, Advisory Committee Member

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