

Supervisor Greg Cox

Supervisor Greg Cox joined the San Diego County Board of Supervisors in 1995 to represent the First District. His district extends from the Pacific Ocean to the Otay and San Miguel Mountains, and from Mission Bay to the U.S./Mexico international border. At the heart of the district lies the majestic San Diego Bay.

Throughout his tenure, Supervisor Cox has given San Diego County residents a government of which they can be proud. He has focused on innovative policymaking through efforts to create vast regional parks and end storm water pollution. He co-authored the County's welfare-to-work initiative, cutting the County's welfare caseload by nearly sixty percent over the past five years.

Supervisor Cox led an overhaul of the County's foster care system, improving the lives of children who find themselves in County care through no fault of their own. He granted the Sheriff's Department and District Attorney's Office the resources needed to combat crime aggressively by stopping gang activity and preventing elder abuse. He created ground-breaking programs to keep kids off the streets and in school.

Supervisor Cox and his colleagues consistently impose fiscal discipline to serve residents better by cutting administrative overhead, setting aside "rainy day" reserves, and planning ahead for future needs. For these reasons, San Diego County was named the best run county in California by *Governing* magazine. Supervisor Cox also co-authored the proposal to create the County's first-ever capital improvement plan, which earned the County a prestigious Golden Watchdog Award from the San Diego County Taxpayers Association.

Working to improve quality-of-life, Supervisor Cox proposed the Border Development Zone, which will facilitate economic development along the U.S./Mexico border and generate a much-needed employment center in South San Diego County. He implemented a multi-million dollar renovation of the historic County Administration Center. He plays a key role in the multi-agency partnership to beautify the North Embarcadero corridor, including the planned replacement of the parking lots surrounding the County Administration Center with a grand public park offering spectacular views of San Diego Bay.

Supervisor Cox is widely recognized as a consensus-builder and an effective regional leader who works across political and jurisdictional lines to benefit San Diego County's 2.8 million residents. He represents the County on a number of governmental organizations, including the National Association of Counties (NACO) and the California State Association of Counties (CSAC). He is also a Past-President of the League of California Cities.

Before joining the Board of Supervisors, Greg worked in both the public and private sectors. He began his career as an educator in the Sweetwater Union High School District. In 1976, he was elected to the Chula Vista City Council and was elected mayor of that city in 1981. As Mayor, he was instrumental in attracting the Olympic Training Center, constructing the award-winning Chula Vista Nature Center, and enhancing the Chula Vista Harbor. In 1990, Greg left public office for the private sector, establishing his own consulting firm, Cox & Associates. In 1991, he returned to public service as the Director of Local Government in the Governor's Office of Planning and Research under Governor Pete Wilson.

Since childhood, Greg's roots have remained deeply planted in South San Diego County. He is a graduate of Chula Vista schools and received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from San Diego State University. Greg and his wife Cheryl live in Chula Vista with their two daughters, Elizabeth and Emily.