



About Supervisor Derry

Running on a platform to root out corruption and unethical practices in county government while promoting more transparency and accountability to the people, Supervisor Neil Derry defeated the entrenched incumbent who held office for 20 years on June 3, 2008, to represent the Third District.

The upstart campaign given little consideration by the political elite caught many observers by surprise and would serve as a precursor to the growing wave of discontent within a disaffected electorate and subsequent opposition to incumbent politicians deemed out of touch

and unresponsive.

Upon taking office on December 1, 2008, Supervisor Derry quickly sought to honor the various pledges and commitments he made to the voters. He had refused to accept a lavish benefits package that the Board of Supervisors had voted for themselves the year before and pushed through a measure that successfully rolled back those benefits to previous levels.

Supervisor Derry became the first elected official in the region to place his and all staff expense reports and credit card purchases online for anyone to review. He has repeatedly called on and voted to release the findings of independent investigations into corruption and misconduct. Additionally, he has authored a Sunshine Ordinance that would bring unprecedented levels of transparency and public access to documents and called for the establishment of an ethics commission to root out corruption.

He was honorably discharged as a Corporal from the United States Marine Corps where he served in Desert Storm as an avionics technician. Subsequently, he held various positions in the public and private sector, including a stint with Stoorza Communications, Southern California Edison and as a district director for Assemblyman Fred Aguiar.

In 2002, he was elected to the San Bernardino City Council where he successfully lowered utility taxes and supported efforts to enhance public safety and aggressively address the rampant, out of control crime element plaguing the city.

Supervisor Derry is a graduate of Cal State San Bernardino with a B.A. in political science. He now resides in the City of Redlands with his wife, Michele, and their young son, Nathan.

The Third District covers nearly 2,500 square miles, has over 600 miles of county maintained roads and has over 385,000 residents, of which 74,000 live in the unincorporated area.

