Karen Spiegel

SUPERVISOR - DISTRICT 2

Karen Spiegel was elected to represent the Second Supervisorial District on November 6, 2018 and was sworn into office on January 8, 2019. The Second District includes the unincorporated communities of Coronita, El Cerrito, Home Gardens and Highgrove, and the cities of Corona, Eastvale, Jurupa Valley, Norco, and the western half of the City of Riverside.

Karen Spiegel began her political career as the elected City Treasurer for the City of Corona in 1996. After six years as Treasurer, she embraced the City Council elections in 2002 and served the City of Corona as Council Member for 16 years, serving as Mayor four terms. Her actions speak volumes and her unique passion for service truly sets her apart. She encourages community participation with City and County government and has introduced many new programs. Karen has been credited for her leadership in regional transportation issues, collaboration, and regional partnerships.

In addition to the service in her District, Karen represents Riverside County on the Regional and State level in many organizations and has served in a leadership role on several. She is an energetic member of the community and her "roll-up your sleeves" attitude has led her to immerse herself in many civic, business and community activities. She has been honored for her service with numerous awards and recognitions over the years.

With her depth of knowledge and commitment to our community, Karen proudly represents the Second District on many boards including: Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) as Past Chair and current Commissioner and Executive Committee; Regional Council Member and Transportation Committee of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG); Riverside Transit Agency (RTA) Past Chair, current Director, Executive Committee Member as well as Chair of Administration and Operations Committee; Chair of the Flood Control and Water Conservation District; Vice-Chair of the Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District; Inland Empire Economic Partnership (IEEP); Southern California Regional Rail Authority (Metrolink); Vice Chair of Western Riverside County of Governments (WRCOG); and the Western Riverside County Regional

Conservation Authority (RCA). Supervisor Spiegel sits on the Riverside University Health System (RUHS) Medical Center Governing Board and the Chair of Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP) Board of Directors, the State of California's 2nd largest public health plan servicing Medi-Cal, Healthy Kids, and the Medicare Advantage Special Needs populations in the Riverside and San Bernardino County Region.

Karen graduated from California State University, Long Beach and did her graduate studies at Pepperdine University, where she received a master's degree and was a Marriage Family Therapist (MFT). Prior to coming to Corona in 1985, Karen spent ten years working with juvenile delinquent boys (13-18) and their families in Long Beach. Her career has taken many paths from counseling to electrical contracting and accounting, to publishing and marketing. When she married Bobby in 1985, she came to Corona and worked in the family Electrical Contracting business, Corona Industrial Electric, Inc. until it closed in 1995. Bobby and Karen began Spiegel Enterprises & Publications in 1989 and remains active in the local e-commerce and marketing business.

Karen and her husband, Bobby of 36 years, have five adult children and two grandchildren. She treasures the time she can spend with her grandson RJ and her granddaughter Makenna Rose, who adore their Bubbie (Karen) and who brings happiness and joy. All five of their children have experienced domestic and international travel and have each received their bachelor's degrees or higher. Karen has been a tremendous influence on her children and believes that "Education and life experiences give our youth the foundation to build upon so that our values, customs and history live on in future generations."