



Background information of Ted Mertens, Mayor of Indian Wells, California September 17, 2014

Experience

- Elected to the Indian Wells City Council for a 4 year term – November 2012
- Mayor of Indian Wells from December 2013 to present
- Served as Mayor Pro Tem from December 2012 to December 2013
- Law Enforcement Consultant 1999 – 2005 Recruited and conducted background investigations for Executive and Senior Police Management positions
- Civic Leader – 33 years CA City Government experience and law enforcement career; 20 years, Police Chief (14 years-Police Chief of Manhattan Beach, CA; 6 years-Police Chief of Placerville, CA); Started as a police officer in Palo Alto and was promoted to Detective Sergeant. Accepted a position as a Police Captain in Baldwin Park; Accepted positions as Police Chief in Placerville & Manhattan Beach – then, the youngest Police Chief in California
- Interim City Manager – Placerville during recruitment process for full time CM
- Interim City Manager – Placerville and Manhattan Beach during absence of appointed CM
- President of Colony Cove Homeowners' Association, Indian Wells since 2007
- 20 years – Financial Manager for Police Department's Budget (\$10 million plus)
- Developed innovative community partnerships and model programs for Manhattan Beach and Los Angeles County – recognized at State and National levels
- Leader/organizer of delegation of Police Chiefs to Washington, D.C. (6 occasions); met with leading Senators, Congressional leaders, and senior White House Staff to successfully obtain votes/support for CA legislative bills and grants imperative to law enforcement for enhancement of statewide public safety
- Vice Chairman – City of Indian Wells – Architecture and Landscape Committee
- Lifetime CA Community College Teaching Credential; •Instructor – Golden Gate Univ. & San Jose City College

Education

- University of Southern California – Master of Public Administration
- California State University, San Jose – Bachelor of Science Degree
- California Executive Credential & Management Credential – State Commission on Police Officer Standards & Training (POST); Executive Leadership Certificate, FBI Academy, Quantico, Virginia

Personal

- 69 year old native Californian – Raised in Palo Alto, CA
- Married 40 years to JL, a former college instructor; 4 adult children; 6 beautiful grandchildren
- 14 year full time homeowner and resident of Indian Wells; •Parishioner at Sacred Heart Catholic Church
- Activities include golfing, skiing, fly-fishing, traveling, reading and working out at the Hyatt
- Excellent FICO credit score (800+); •No personal or business bankruptcy or subjected to any liens.

Associations and Past Associations

- Lifetime member of IPA – International Police Association ; •Lifetime member International Association of Chiefs of Police; •Lifetime member of California Police Chiefs' Association;
- Past President and Past Vice – President of LA County Police Chiefs' Association; •Previous Member of Committee to Develop CA Accreditation Standards – Commission on POST; •Previous Committee Member – California Youthful Offender Parole Board ; •Past Advisory Board Member – California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System; •Past Member of Board of Directors South Bay Chapter – American Heart Assoc./Alcohol & Drug Free Youth; •Past Member of Lions Club International; •Past Member of Rotary International; •Past Member of Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce