



# **MARK A. LUNN**

## **Ventura County Clerk-Recorder, Registrar of Voters**

On June 8, 2010, Chief Mark Lunn was elected Ventura County's Clerk-Recorder, Registrar of Voters bringing to the office his plan for reform and innovation. Mark has since worked tirelessly to preserve the County's historical heritage, protect the public's personal documents, and ensure that elections are as fair as they are free. Mark has coined the slogan "Preserving History and Protecting Democracy," to describe the Office' responsibilities and to declare the personal and professional obligation he feels to the voters who elected him.

Mark is a lifelong public servant with almost five decades of experience at the city, county, and state levels. As a law enforcement officer for more than 34 years, he served primarily with the California Highway Patrol, achieving the rank of Assistant Chief, and was responsible for commanding operations in Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties.

In 1972, Mark began his law enforcement career with the California State Police at the age of 19, becoming the youngest police officer in the United States at the time. Accepting the scrutiny that came with his early accomplishment, he worked diligently and earned a promotion to the security detail for then-Governor Ronald Reagan. This began his career specialty of protecting California governors, statewide office holders, United States presidents, and other national leaders. Mark was selected as the incident commander for President Ronald Reagan's funeral motorcade in 2004. Lunn also served the City of Monrovia as a police officer early in his career.

Mark has been active in the community throughout his career having been appointed to numerous non-profit executive boards. He has served for many years as a Commissioner, Chair and Vice Chair for the Ventura County Area Housing Authority Board of Directors. Mark previously served for five years as Commissioner and Chairman on the City of Thousand Oaks Planning Commission. For many years Mark has belonged to "RDP21" (Regional Defense Partnerships for the 21st Century) a coalition of military, business and community leaders working to prevent military base closures in Ventura County. In addition to his distinguished career in public service, Mark was a successful small business owner for over 24 years.

A strong proponent of education, Mark has earned a Bachelor's degree with Honors in Organizational Management from the University of LaVerne; an MBA with Honors from California Coast University and an Associate of Arts degree from Pasadena City

College. Mark has served on the Board of Directors for the California Association of Clerks and Election Officials since 2011. He is the current President of the County Records' Association of California and has also served as Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. In 2012, Mark earned the professional designation of **Certified Elections/Registration Administrator** (CERA) under the auspices of the Election Center and Auburn University. CERA is the highest professional designation achievable and is held by less than 1% of elected election officials in the United States. Mark is a certified **California Registration and Election Official** (REO) and has been a licensed California Private Investigator since 1992.

Mark resides in Newbury Park with his wife of 30 years, and the family dogs, Pudge, Diesel and Maverick.