



County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors



SUPERVISOR LEONARD J. ROACH

Term: 1945 - 1952
District: Second
Date of Birth: 1895
Death: December 1969

Leonard J. Roach served as county supervisor for almost two terms. He was appointed to the office by then - Gov. Earl Warren in January 1945, to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Supervisor Gordon L. McDonough, who was elected to Congress. In June 1946, Roach was elected by a wide majority to fill the unexpired term, and in 1948 ran unopposed for another four-year term.

Roach was born in 1895 in Norfolk, Neb., where he was raised and attended public schools.

At age 20, Roach moved to Los Angeles. He enrolled at the University of Southern California and graduated in 1922 with a law degree.

Roach specialized in estate management law, and worked in real estate development before his appointment to the supervisor seat.

After serving seven years on the Board, he was defeated for a subsequent term by then Los Angeles City Councilman Kenneth Hahn.

In December 1969, Roach died. He was 71 and was survived by his wife, Cecil, and daughter Eleanor.

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