



County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors

SUPERVISOR JULIUS L. MORRIS

Term: 1861 – 1863
District: Not Applicable
Date of Birth: 1830
Death: Aug. 29, 1909

Julius L. Morris served as county supervisor for two terms. He assumed office in 1861, and was re-elected to a two-year term in 1862. Supervisors were elected to one-year terms from 1852 to 1862.

Morris was born in Germany in 1830. In 1853 at age 23, Morris and his brother, Moritz, immigrated to Los Angeles. Their original family name was "Oberzinsky," but they adopted the name "Morris" upon their arrival in America.

The two brothers became retail merchants and over time became among the most prominent Jews in Los Angeles. Their success in business and civic mindedness led to political careers as well. Moritz Morris served as a Los Angeles city councilman in 1866, 1867, 1869 and 1870.

Julius Morris' credits included helping found the B'nai B'rith Congregation (now the Wilshire Boulevard Temple), and being a member of the Free Masons, Los Angeles Lodge No. 42.

On Aug. 29, 1909, Morris died. He was 79.

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