



# County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors

## SUPERVISOR FRANCISCO O'CAMPO

Term: 1858  
District: Not Applicable  
Date of Birth: Not Available  
Death: Not Available

Francisco O'Campo served one term as county supervisor in 1858.

In the 1840s, O'Campo was a wealthy man who socialized with Los Angeles' rich and powerful. He owned a big house on the plaza adjacent to the present day historic Olvera Street marketplace. His neighbors included former Board Supervisors Augustin Olvera, Thomas Avila Sanchez and Vicente Lugo.

In 1848 the treaty was signed ending the Mexican-American War and giving the United States undisputed control of California. The first city election under American rule was held July 1, 1850, when the Mexican "ayuniamento" system of town government was replaced by the U.S. mayor and council. O'Campo was elected a member of the first Los Angeles City Council, and was appointed to other government positions during the next eight years, followed by his election to the supervisorial seat in 1858.

After leaving public office, O'Campo's reckless lifestyle and lavish tastes caused him to lose his house and his wealth. In his later years, he could be found sitting on the curb of the Plaza near his old home, recalling his days of prosperity.

O'Campo died a poor man.

Source: Sixty Years in Southern California, 1853-1913.