

Supervisor Don Knabe



DON KNABE
SUPERVISOR, FOURTH DISTRICT
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

- Artesia
- Avalon
- Bellflower
- Cerritos
- Diamond Bar
- Downey
- El Segundo
- Hacienda Heights
- Harbor City
- Hawaiian Gardens
- Hermosa Beach
- La Habra Heights
- Lakewood
- La Mirada
- Lomita
- Long Beach
- Manhattan Beach
- Marina del Rey
- Norwalk
- Palos Verdes Estates
- Playa del Rey
- Paramount
- Rancho Palos Verdes
- Redondo Beach
- Rolling Hills
- Rolling Hills Estates
- Rowland Heights
- San Pedro
- Santa Catalina Island
- South Whittier
- Signal Hill
- Torrance
- West Whittier-Los Nietos
- Westchester
- Westfield
- Wilmington
- Whittier

As supervisor of the County's Fourth District, Don Knabe represents a uniquely diverse area comprised of nearly two million residents that includes the world's third busiest container port complex (the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach collectively), the third busiest airport in the nation (LAX), and the L.A. Air Force Base.

Don was first elected to the Board in November of 1996 and was re-elected in 2000 and 2004. Since taking office, Knabe has worked hard to implement his Five Point Plan: Taking Back Our Streets; Streamlining County Government; Jobs; Protecting the Safety Net; and Improving Our Quality of Life.

Following the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, Knabe was appointed by the White House as a member of the State and Local Officials Senior Advisory Committee to the President's Homeland Security Advisory Council. He was the only appointee from the state of California.

Don also serves as Immediate Past President of the Coliseum Commission and is Chairman of First 5 Los Angeles. He is a member of the Urban County Caucus of the California State Association of Counties, is an executive board member of the California State Association of Counties, and sits on the Board of Governors for L.A. Care. In addition, he is the Vice Chairman of the Health Sub-Committee for the National Association of Counties and a Trustee at the Aquarium of the Pacific located in Long Beach.

Supervisor Knabe is a leader in regional transportation serving on the Board of Directors for the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA), the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (Metrolink) and the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority (ACTA). He is also the immediate past chairman and member of the Southern California Regional Airport Authority (SCRAA) and is a member of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Aviation Task Force.

Knabe has a true passion for the arts and attributes much of his own personal success to an early involvement with music. His enthusiasm for the arts has resulted in the creation of several innovative youth programs and his own arts program which provides grants to schools and community based organizations throughout the Fourth District.

A community leader for more than 30 years, Don is noted for the strength of his grassroots support and considerable experience in local government which have made him a highly regarded voice, not only at home in the Fourth District, but in Sacramento and Washington D.C. He was elected to the Cerritos City Council in 1980 and served as a councilman for eight years, including two terms as mayor. He was a leader in the development and implementation of Cerritos' General Plan during a time of unprecedented economic growth.

As Chief of Staff to former Fourth District Supervisor Deane Dana, Don gained invaluable insight into crucial Federal, State and Local issues and the needs of the Fourth District's two million constituents.

Before joining the United States Navy, Knabe earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Graceland University in Lamoni, Iowa.

Don and his wife, Julie, have been married for 36 years and are active members of New Life Community Church, in the City of Artesia. Julie, a Long Beach native, is a past president of the Cerritos Chamber of Commerce and operates her own customer relations firm, J.D. Knabe & Associates. Their sons, Curt and Matt, are both graduates of Pepperdine University and were born and raised within the Fourth District. Curt and his wife, Svea, were wed in 1998. Don and Julie are also the proud grandparents of Kaitlyn Christy Knabe and Christy Ryann Knabe.