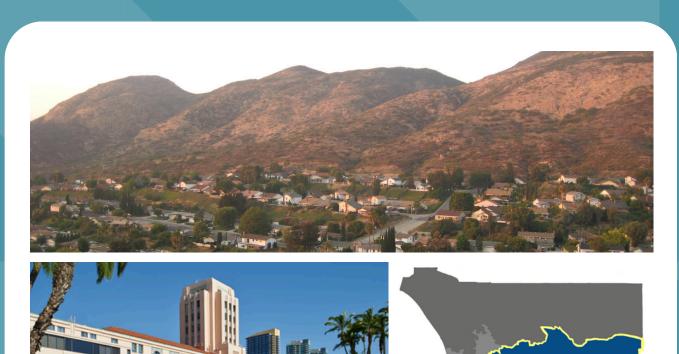
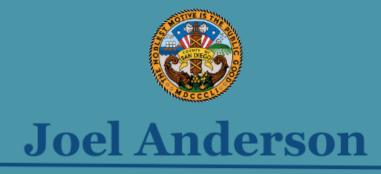


Supervisor Joel Anderson District 2

2025 Legislative Actions & Accomplishments





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Making County Government Work For You!



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A Letter from Joel

Dear Friends,

Serving as your County Supervisor for the past five years has been an incredible honor. Each year, I'm proud to share the progress we've made together—progress that reflects our shared values, priorities, and commitment to improving the lives of everyone who calls District 2 home. This 2025 Legislative Actions & Accomplishments report is more than a summary of policies, it's a record of results driven by your input and partnership.

This year, we achieved meaningful victories in every one of your top priorities: public safety, fire preparedness, homelessness, attainable housing, and economic development. Together, we secured a second night-flying firefighting helicopter, advanced a groundbreaking County AI Policy Framework to build smarter and more transparent government, and strengthened our disaster readiness to protect \$10 billion in County infrastructure. We made County business more open to the public by extending agenda review times, continued reducing homelessness through new safety ordinances and housing initiatives, and connected thousands of residents to essential services through community coffees and workshops.

Every step of the way, we've focused on making County government more responsive, accountable, and effective for you. I'm grateful for your continued engagement, your trust, and your ideas that inspire our work every day.

Making County government work for you will always be my top priority.

It is an honor to serve you,





District 2

Tribal Governments

Barona, Campo, Capitan Grande, Ewiiaapaayp, Inaja-Cosmit, Jamul Indian Village, La Posta, Manzanita, Sycuan, Viejas

San Diego Communities

Allied Gardens, Carmel Mountain Ranch, Del Cerro, Grantsville, Kearny Mesa, MCAS Miramar, Miramar Ranch, Rancho Bernardo, Sabre Springs, San Carlos, San Pasqual Valley, Scripps Ranch, Serra Mesa, Stonebridge, Tierrasanta

County Communities

4S Ranch, Alpine, Barrett, Blossom Valley, Bostonia,

Boulevard, Campo, Crest, Cuyamac, Dehesa, Del Dios, Descanso, Dulzura, Eucalyptus Hills, Fernbrook, Flinn Springs, Granite Hills, Guatay, Harbison Canyon, Jacumba, Jamul, Johnston, Julian, Lake Hodges, Lake Morena, Lakeside, Morena Village, Mount Laguna, Pine Hills, Pine Valley, Potrero, Ramona, San Diego Country Estates, San Pasqual, Santa Fe Valley, Tecate, Tierra Del Sol, Winter Gardens, Wynola

County Government's Role





The County government makes important decisions that touch the lives of all San Diego County residents. Whether you live in one of the region's 18 cities or in an unincorporated community, the County provides a wide range of services and plays an important role in local government.

Health and Human Services

- Mental & Behavioral Health
- Homeless Solutions
- Public Health & Epidemiology
- In-Home Supportive Services
- Foster Care & Child Welfare

Environmental Health

- Food & Community Event Permits
- Vector Control
- Land & Water Quality
- **Restaurant Inspections**

Public Safety

- Disaster Response
- Law Enforcement
- **Medical Examiner**
- Fire Protection
- **Animal Services**





Self-Sufficiency Services

- CalFresh
- CalWorks
- Medi-Cal



- Veterans Services
- In addition to its wider role serving the entire region, the County also provides municipal services to unincorporated communities that do not have a city government. The County is responsible for operating parks & libraries, maintaining roads, overseeing zoning and building, and providing law enforcement, fire, and paramedic services in these communities.

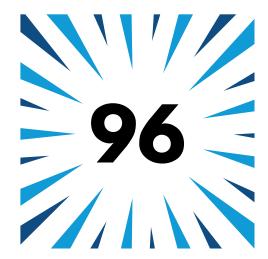


Shaping County Policy Through Board Letters



At the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, Supervisor Anderson shapes policy through "Board Letters." Most Board Letters need at least three votes to pass. Once passed, these policy directives and initiatives are then implemented by the County's Chief Administrative Officer.

Since being elected to the Board in 2021, Supervisor Anderson has authored or co-authored almost 100 Board Letters. These actions have included everything from the purchase of two helicopters that can fight fires at night to enacting a pilot shallow rent subsidy program for seniors.



Number of Board Letters Authored or Co-Authored by Supervisor Anderson since taking office in 2021

Board Letters made all of the following possible:

- \$16 million Fire Helicopter
- Reduced homelessness by 27% in East County
- Government Transparency
- Enhanced Wildfire Safety on Roads
- Expanding Housing Trust Fund
- Shallow Rent Subsidy Program for Seniors
- Shut Down All Illegal Pot Shops
- Microenterprise Home Kitchen Operations (MEHKOs)
- Increased Recreational Access to Reservoirs
- Addressing Anticipated Shortages of Public Safety Officers
- Expanding Broadband Access
- AgPass Program
- Prioritizing Veteran Families
- Adding Unincorporated Seat on SANDAG
- Senior Shared Housing
- Unsafe Camping Ordinance
- Exploring Childcare Services for Public Safety Personnel and more!

Scan QR Code to view all Board Letters authored by Supervisor Anderson





Advocating for District 2 Constituent Priorities in the County Budget

Each year the County Board of Supervisors passes a budget for the new Fiscal Year (FY) which begins on July 1st. County budgets require months of planning, collaboration, and even compromises. This year, Supervisor Anderson was proud to advocate for and include the following District 2 projects and priorities in the County's FY 2025-26 Budget:

• San Diego Sheriff's Office Fentanyl Enforcement Team	\$500,000
New Firefighting Helicopter Purchase	\$14,300,000
Descanso Fire Station	\$450,000
Ramona Sheriff's Substation	\$3,000,000
• 2 New Ambulances for Unincorporated Communities	\$1,200,000
Safe Parking Sites	\$1,600,000
• Cleaning Culverts, Storm Drains to Prevent Flooding	\$4,800,000
• Increase to the County's Road Resurfacing Project	\$6,000,000
• Children & Youth Services, Children's Residential Care Program	\$3,200,000





Since being elected to the Board of Supervisors in 2021, Supervisor Anderson's constituents have consistently highlighted Fire Safety & Preparedness as a top priority in District 2.

In 2022, Supervisor Anderson spearheaded the effort for the County of San Diego to purchase its first helicopter capable of fighting fires at night. This \$16 million investment enabled the San Diego Sheriff's Office to purchase a Bell 412 helicopter, which was delivered in November 2023.

In 2025, in a special collaboration and partnership between the County of San Diego, CalFire, and San Diego Gas & Electric (SDGE), the Board of Supervisors approved the purchase of a second helicopter capable of fighting fires at night. This Sikorsky S-70, operated and maintained by County Fire/CalFire, is expected to be fully operational by Spring 2026. These invaluable resources will help keep homes and families safer throughout the region for decades to come.





Supervisor Anderson and Sheriff Kelly Martinez releasing the incredible results from the Sheriff's Fentanyl Enforcement Team at the County Administration Center on June 23, 2025.

Protecting Our Communities & Kids

Last year, Supervisor Anderson successfully advocated for \$500,000 in the County budget for a dedicated team within the San Diego Sheriff's Office to fight back against fentanyl, a dangerous and highly addictive opioid drug. This drug has led to thousands of deaths in the County and millions of deaths all over the United States. So many families have been directly or indirectly touched by this issue which is why Supervisor Anderson wanted to make sure the County invested in enforcement to protect our communities and our kids.

At a press conference in June 2025, Supervisor Anderson and Sheriff Martinez announced the incredible impact of the Fentanyl Enforcement Team, which is measured at almost <u>\$21 million</u>. This impact includes 59 arrests, 11 weapons seized, almost 2 million fentanyl pills seized, and large quantities of cocaine, heroin, and oxycodone being seized. These drugs are no longer on our streets and destroying lives, making all of our communities safer.

Due to the resounding success of the Sheriff's Fentanyl Enforcement Team, Supervisor Anderson successfully fought for and was able to obtain <u>another \$500,000</u> of funding in the County's budget this fiscal year to keep making progress on this important issue.



Fentanyl Enforcement Team

- \$500,000 Budget Ask from Supervisor Anderson
- \$21 Million of fentanyl & illegal drugs off of our streets
- 1.9 Million Fentanyl Pills Seized

Homelessness



Reducing Homelessness & Improving Safety



At every town hall and community meeting, one of the top issues and priorities for constituents is for the County to take action and make progress on homelessness. Supervisor Anderson has been committed to working on this issue and has introduced or supported several important programs and policies like the Unsafe Camping Ordinance, Safe Parking Sites, the Shallow Rent Subsidy Program for seniors, or the Regional Housing Assistance Program (RHAP) which have been reducing homelessness and improving safety not only in District 2 but in the San Diego County region.

<u>Unsafe Camping Ordinance for the Unincorporated Communities</u>

In October of 2023, Supervisor Anderson first brought forward a Board Letter to establish an Unsafe Camping Ordinance in the unincorporated communities of San Diego County to address homelessness and public safety concerns. This Ordinance empowers the appropriate authorities to do more than just cite repeat offenders and protects our communities from dangerous and unnecessary fires. Due to his constituents' strong support, Supervisor Anderson's Board action was finally passed this year and officially went into effect on June 20, 2025.

Fire started in a homeless encampment in the Santee riverbed in February 2025, photo provided by the San Diego Sheriff's Office.

Regional Housing Assistance Program (RHAP)

RHAP provides emergency housing to homeless individuals through local hotels and motels. It has been very successful, with 40% of participants transitioning to permanent housing within just six months. RHAP is particularly effective in the unincorporated areas where limited shelter infrastructure exists.

Reduction in homeless population in District 2







Securing More Money for Infrastructure



District 2 constituents in the unincorporated communities deserve to have high quality infrastructure and that includes roads that are in good condition. After securing an increase of more than \$25 million in the past few years in the County budget to improve our road conditions, Supervisor Anderson was able to secure an increase of almost \$6 million in additional funding this fiscal year!

Supervisor Anderson continues to advocate for roads that constituents specifically identified as needing attention. District 2 includes 860 miles of county-maintained roads and the County's Road Resurfacing Project now allocates \$71.3 million to the resurfacing of roads throughout unincorporated San Diego County.



Community Coffee Town Halls





Q&A at the Ramona Community Coffee



Q&A at the Alpine Community Coffee

One of Supervisor Anderson's favorite parts of his job is being able to connect with his constituents at his Community Coffee Town Halls. Supervisor Anderson knows the best way to meet with the community is face to face, hearing from them directly about their thoughts, concerns, ideas, and County needs. In 2025, the Supervisor hosted three Community Coffee Town Hall meetings in Lakeside, Ramona, and Alpine. At these lively events, constituents are connected directly to the Supervisor's staff for assistance with any County-related issues.

Thousands participated in these events by either attending in person or by tuning into the online livestreams provided.

For more information on upcoming Community Coffee Town Halls scan the QR code:





Q&A at the Lakeside Community Coffee



Connecting with the Community through Special Events & Workshops

In addition to Community Coffees, Supervisor Anderson enjoys hosting many special events & workshops to connect with the community throughout his district.

At Supervisor Anderson's Military Appreciation Breakfast in Santee, a packed room of residents joined him for a heartfelt morning honoring local military members and veterans for their years of distinguished service to our nation. A special County Proclamation was presented to the Veterans East County Alliance (VECA).

In July, Supervisor Anderson hosted a State Grants 101 Workshop, where over 100 attendees gained valuable insight on grant writing and successfully applying for funding from industry experts. Most attendees had never applied for grants at any level before and were encouraged by hearing how the process can be manageable for anyone.

At Supervisor Anderson's Wildfire Safety Town Hall co-hosted by Sheriff Kelly Martinez, nearly 100 constituents were guided through best practices in fire prevention, evacuations, and how to prepare for possible public safety power shutoffs by leaders from the San Diego Sheriff's Office, CalFire, and SDGE during Fire Prevention Week.

For more information on upcoming events with Supervisor Anderson scan the QR code:





5.15.25: Military Appreciation Breakfast



7.30.25: State Grants 101 Workshop



10.7.25: Wildfire Safety Town Hall



Building A Smarter Government: Establishing A County Artificial Intelligence (AI) Policy Framework

Last year, Supervisor Anderson chaired and led the County's Artificial Intelligence (AI) subcommittee to explore and implement transformative technologies like AI for improving County services and how the County addresses constituent concerns.

The subcommittee focused on assessing the County's current technology infrastructure, evaluating AI's impact, and making recommendations on how to effectively integrate these technologies into County operations.

This year, due to Supervisor Anderson's continued efforts, the County has now adopted an AI governance framework that ensures responsible AI use, data privacy compliance, and adheres to the highest ethical standards. This AI framework will enhance the way the County serves all residents in the future and will enable it to do so more efficiently.



Agenda Item 18:
Establishing A County Artificial
Intelligence (AI) Policy Framework and
Governance Structure to Safeguard
Transparency, Equity, and Accountability
in AI Use & Providing Direction on the
Future of County Technology
from Supervisor Joel Anderson
April 8, 2025





Advancing Transparency & Engagement

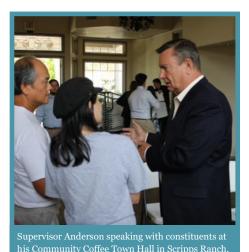




Supervisor Anderson believes that his constituents deserve to have enough time to review and to plan on participating in Board of Supervisors meetings. However, this can often be difficult when many constituents in unincorporated communities live hours away from the County Administration Center building in downtown San Diego with little to no transit options.

Due to a shared belief in transparency and the importance of public engagement, Supervisor Anderson brought forward a Board Letter to extend the public notice period for Board of Supervisors meeting agendas.

Public engagement is essential to making sure that County government works for you. Initially, the County posted meeting agendas just six days before meetings. However, due to your strong support of Supervisor Anderson's policy change, constituents, Community Planning Groups, and local organizations now have over one week to review proposals and to have adequate input on County decisions.



Agenda Item 9: Advancing Transparency & Engagement By Extending Agenda Review Time from Supervisor Joel Anderson, April 22, 2025 Vote: 5-0

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Together, we are making County government more transparent and accessible for all residents.

-Supervisor Joel Anderson

Strengthening Disaster Preparedness & Recovery Through Proactive Infrastructure Documentation

After the devastating and widespread impacts of the fires in Los Angeles early this year, local governments looked to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for its critical role in reimbursements. However, new guidelines and requirements released by FEMA impose strict documentation for disaster-related claims.

In light of these changes by FEMA and the high fire-risk that many District 2 residents face, Supervisor Anderson brought forward proactive Board action to position the County of San Diego to meet new FEMA reimbursement documentation requirements and best practices. This documentation will also meet emergency reimbursement requirements for other federal agencies like the Federal Highway Administration (FHA) and the U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) recovery programs. This Board action will help safeguard the \$10 Billion portfolio of critical infrastructure in the County while making sure that the more than 500,000 residents who live in unincorporated communities can reimbursement they deserve from the federal government, without delay, when disaster strikes.



Photo from the 2003 Cedar Fire in District 2, courtesy of CalFire.

Agenda Item 20:
Strengthening Disaster
Preparedness & Recovery
Through Proactive
Infrastructure Documentation
from Supervisor Joel Anderson
October 21, 2025

VOTE: 5-0







County Grants Available Through Supervisor Anderson



Each Member of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors has the opportunity to support organizations and institutions every year through two special County grant programs:

- Community Enhancement Program (CEP)
- Neighborhood Reinvestment Program (NRP)





Community Enhancement Program

The Community Enhancement Program is funded by a set percent of Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) revenues. The goal of the Community Enhancement Program is to stimulate tourism, promote the economy, create jobs, and/or a better quality of life. Entities and activities currently funded include cultural activities, museums, visitor and convention bureaus, economic development councils, and other similar institutions/organizations, including County programs and projects, which promote and generate tourism and/or economic development within San Diego County.

Neighborhood Reinvestment Program

The Neighborhood Reinvestment Program provides grant funds to County departments, public agencies, and to non-profit community organizations for one-time community, social, environmental, educational, cultural or recreational needs.



Scan QR Code to Learn more about Community Enhancement Grants

SupervisorJoelAnderson.com/grants







Making an Impact in District 2 Through County Grants





Supervisor Anderson is proud to have supported a wide range of veterans' organizations, little league teams, non-profits, small businesses, and other entities through his District 2 Grants.



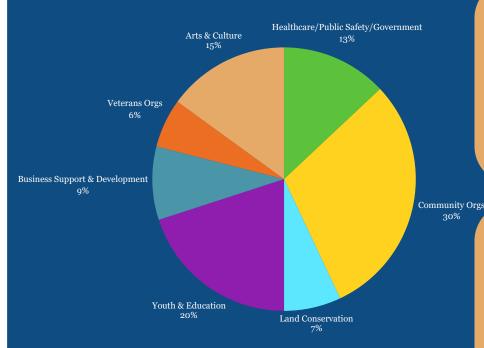
Supervisor Anderson's District 2 Grant Totals

- Total of <u>\$16,008,361</u> in Grants awarded since Supervisor Anderson took office in 2021
- 267 total grant awardees since 2021
- <u>\$3,190,904</u> in Grants awarded to 99 organizations in 2025, so far...



Supervisor Anderson presenting a \$2,000 grant to Jamul Little League for their Spring Season.

Pie Chart showing the breakdown of Grants from Supervisor Anderson by Industry





Supervisor Anderson presenting a grant for almost \$87,000 to American Legion Post 282 for their Veterans Hall renovation.



Supervisor Anderson presenting a grant to the Ramona Community Center for almost \$50,000 for upgrades to their facility.

Leapfrog Your Peers Executive & Legislative Internships with Supervisor Anderson





Supervisor Joel Anderson has brought his award-winning executive and legislative internship program from when he served in the California State Senate to his office at the San Diego County Board of Supervisors.

The Internship Experience

This unique internship opportunity allows an individual to get involved in the public policy process, develop career skills, and get a head start on their career. In Supervisor Anderson's office, you will work in a professional environment, build your resume, and have the opportunity to network with elected officials and influential leaders throughout the County. In addition, this opportunity may fulfill community service requirements.

Internship opportunities are currently available at the El Cajon District Office in El Cajon & the County Administration Center in downtown San Diego.

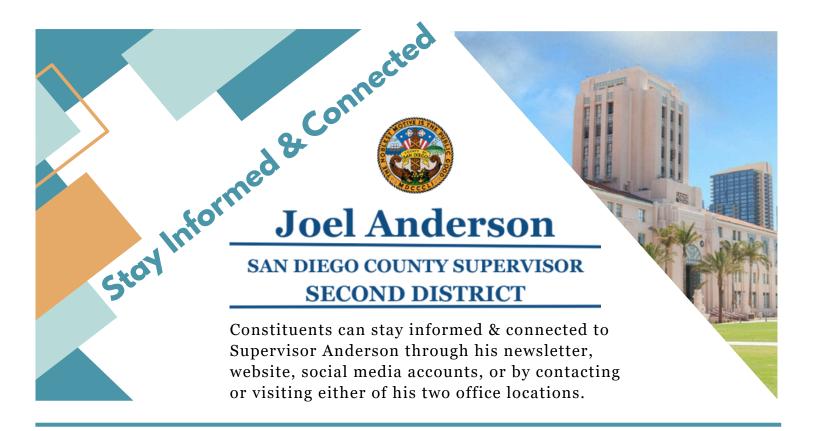


Supervisor Anderson pictured with about 20 of his more than 100 interns at a Community Coffee Town Hall in Scripps Ranch.

If you know a young person in high school or college, help them launch their career by applying at:

SupervisorJoelAnderson.com/intern





Office Locations

County Administration Center

Office Hours: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM (M-F)
Phone: 619-531-5522
1600 Pacific Hwy
Room 335
San Diego, CA 92101

El Cajon District Office

Office Hours: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM (M-Sat) Phone: 619-219-2470 475 W. Bradley Ave. El Cajon, CA 92020

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Supervisor Joel Anderson

Official Biography

Supervisor Joel Anderson served East County San Diego in the State Assembly from 2007-2009 and in the State Senate from 2010-2018. Prior to that, he served on the Padre Dam Municipal Water District and the Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego Board of Directors. He has been a longtime grassroots advocate for issues he cares about, and ultimately it was his experience running his own business that inspired him to run for office to make California more friendly towards small business owners. He has a degree in Finance from CalPoly Pomona after transferring from Grossmont Community College in El Cajon.

When first elected to the Assembly, he promised his constituents, "I am not going to Sacramento to be a potted plant." True to his word, Supervisor Anderson authored a landmark piece of legislation in his first year. Assembly Bill 221 required the California Public Employees' Retirement System and the California State Teachers' Retirement System to divest from companies that violated federal law by doing business in the Islamic Republic of Iran. This legislation called for the divestment of over \$24 billion of our public pensions from the Islamic Republic of Iran - the top exporter of terrorism throughout the world. The bill sparked a national movement which led 28 other states and the United States Congress to introduce similar laws. Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger announced to the world that he would sign AB 221 on the floor of the United Nations during his speech to the General Assembly.

To keep our roads safe, Supervisor Anderson authored legislation that same year to make San Diego's Regional Transportation Management Center a 24/7 operation.

In recognition of the sacrifices made by the men and women of our military in protecting our freedoms, Supervisor Anderson passed Assembly Bill 257 into law, which granted free state park passes to disabled veterans and recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor. Supervisor Anderson was also recognized with the 2007 "San Diego Psychiatric Society Legislative Award" for his "interest in, sensitivity to, and knowledge of mental health issues."

In 2008, Supervisor Anderson joined forces with the state's sheriffs and district attorneys to curb the rampant crime of metal theft. For his dedication, these groups named Supervisor Anderson their "Legislator of the Year."

His efforts on a wide array of issues were recognized by groups who identified Supervisor Anderson as a champion for their cause. For his efforts to protect the Second Amendment, Supervisor Anderson was named the "2008 California Rifle & Pistol Association Legislator of the Year." He also fought hard to keep public land open for public use during his first term which earned him the "2008 California League of Off-Road Voters Legislator of the Year Award."

In 2009, Supervisor Anderson focused on fixing the state's economy and bringing jobs back to our great state. Many California businesses began leaving as the state started issuing IOUs. Supervisor Anderson responded by authoring Assembly Bill 1506, which was designed to protect taxpayers from the state's "forced-borrowing" by requiring the state to accept its own IOUs for payment of state taxes and fees. Supervisor Anderson's efforts to protect small businesses and taxpayers earned him the "2009 Lakeside Chamber of Commerce Legislator of the Year Award".

In recognition of his efforts on behalf of veterans and their families, the California Branch of the American Legion named Supervisor Anderson as their "Legislator of the Year" in 2010.

After being sworn in as the State Senator from California's thirty-sixth Senate District, representing over 1,000,000 constituents, Supervisor Anderson affirmed his commitment to making government work for those he represents. In 2011, for his efforts to protect small businesses during the great recession, Supervisor Anderson was named the "California State Senate Legislator of the Year" by the California Small Business Association and California Small Business Roundtable.

In 2012, as Vice-Chair of the Senate Public Safety Committee, Supervisor Anderson continued his work to protect crime victims by authoring Senate Bill 1371, which passed both the Senate and Assembly unanimously and was signed into law by Governor Brown. SB 1371 closed a loophole in existing law that allowed convicted criminals to avoid restitution to the victims of their crimes. Anderson was also recognized by American Veterans (AMVETS) with their Legislator of the Year award for his work toward improving veterans' lives in California.

In the following year, Supervisor Anderson passed another important measure that preserved California's commitment to the brave men and women who have served our country. Senate Bill 725 ensured that veterans organizations would not unfairly lose their right to return to halls and buildings dedicated for their use when temporarily displaced for repairs and renovations.

Supervisor Anderson received the Thomas Paine award from the San Diego Republican Liberty Caucus in 2014 for his efforts to expel three Supervisors indicted or convicted of felonies, including perjury, gun running, and bribery. He strongly opposed changes to the constitution that would ultimately perpetuate the culture of corruption, deny Californians their voice in the Capitol, and stifle minority viewpoints.

In 2014, Supervisor Anderson was re-elected to the California State Senate, representing Senate district thirty-eight. WIRED magazine called the Electronic Communications Privacy Act (SB 178), which he joint-authored with Supervisor Mark Leno (D-San Francisco), "the Nation's best digital privacy law." SB 178 was signed by Governor Brown in 2015. Prior to its passage, a person's cell phone meta data, location information, text messages, e-mails and phone calls could be accessed without a warrant.

Three more prestigious veterans' advocacy groups recognized Anderson in 2015 for his unwavering dedication to those who have fought to protect our freedoms. The California State Commanders Veterans Council, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of California, and the Vietnam Veterans of America – California State Council and they all bestowed upon him their "Legislator of the Year" awards.

Never straying from the principles that he was elected to uphold, a Sacramento Bee study identified Supervisor Anderson as the third most independent legislator based on his voting record, and he earned 100% ratings from the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association and the California Taxpayers' Association.

During his first year as a Supervisor, Anderson wasted no time in ensuring County government worked for his constituents. From keeping the public safe, to improving fire and emergency safety, Anderson authored or co-authored 22 legislative actions that improve County government, many of which were ideas proposed by his constituents.

While Supervisor Anderson's accomplishments are many, the most important role in his life is that of being a husband to his wife Kate of more than 30 years, and a father to their three children - Mary, Maura, and Michael.

Supervisor Joel Anderson





Supervisor Joel Anderson District 2

