

DONALD F. GAGE

BIOGRAPHY

Supervisor Donald F. Gage is the Chairperson of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors. He has served on the Board since March 18, 1997, and represents District One, which has a population of over 300,000 and encompasses 70 percent of the County's land area. The District includes Almaden Valley, Santa Teresa, Blossom Valley, Gilroy, Los Gatos, Monte Sereno, Morgan Hill, San Martin, as well as the Mt. Hamilton Range and the Santa Cruz Mountains.

As Chairperson of the Board's Housing, Land Use, Environment, and Transportation Committee, Supervisor Gage reviews all land use issues, as well as large road projects, such as the Measure B Transportation Project. He also serves as the Vice-Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee and represents the Board of Supervisors on the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, the County Library District JPA, and the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO). Supervisor Gage is also the Chairperson of the Housing & Community Development Council Committee and co-chairs the Housing Trust Fund.

Supervisor Gage began public service in 1981 when he was elected to the Gilroy City Council, where he was well known for his support of law enforcement and youth programs. He served on the Council until 1991 when he was elected Gilroy's Mayor. In 1993, Don was honored by the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce for his exceptional community service and also was the recipient of the Gilroy Chamber of Commerce Man of the Year Award. In recognition of his leadership role in creating the Gilroy Youth Center, Don accepted the Helen Putnam Award from Governor Wilson at a ceremony in Sacramento.

Born April 18, 1945, Don grew up on a small farm outside of Gilroy and has been a lifelong resident of Santa Clara County. He attended local schools and earned his degree in Law Enforcement. Don and his wife, Jeanne, live in Gilroy and have three children and three grandchildren.