



Mike Cordero
City Councilmember
City of Santa Maria



Mike Cordero served on the City Council from 2008 to 2012, and was re-elected in 2016. He retired in December 2008 from the Santa Maria Police Department after 36 years of service. He attended Santa Barbara City College and Allan Hancock College to obtain his A.S. degree. Mr. Cordero and his wife, Linda, have three grown sons: Michael, Albert and Adam. His law enforcement career began with the Carpinteria Police Department before he came to Santa Maria, where in December 1972 he started as a patrol officer.

He was promoted to Sergeant in December 1983, and in 1992 was assigned to the Detective Bureau as the Narcotic Sergeant. This position had many additional responsibilities; he worked with detectives, managed and supervised cases, had oversight over Records, Property/Evidence and the Police Lab, and worked with the Gang Suppression Team. Mr. Cordero was assigned back to patrol in about 1995 and worked as a Patrol Sergeant. In 2002 he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant.

Mike and Linda have three grandchildren Nadia, Albert and Valentina who live in Santa Maria and attend local schools. They are involved in a variety of activities which Mike and Linda enjoy as much as possible.

Mr. Cordero has remained active in the community. He retained his position on the Community Action Commission and United Way. He was recently appointed as a representative for the fifth district to the Santa Barbara County as a Drug and Alcohol Commissioner. As a member of Elks Lodge 1538 he is currently serving as Lodge Secretary.

His wife is a retired elementary school principal from the Santa Maria-Bonita School District. She serves as a Trustee on the Santa Maria-Bonita School Board. She is also on the board for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Santa Maria Valley and on the North County Rape Crisis and Child Protection Center. Together they attend many local non-profit events and support their church. Mr. Cordero enjoys hunting big game in Colorado and all kinds of fishing. Mike enjoys back yard BBQing and has been known to help barbeque for hundreds of people at one time.