

COL. Rick L. Powell, USA (Ret.)



Col. Rick L. Powell, USA (Ret.) (R-San Carlos) served 38 years in the military and is a decorated combat veteran of both the Vietnam and Iraq wars. Rick was awarded the Legion of Merit and Bronze Star for his service.

Rick also had a simultaneous career in federal law enforcement where he worked for 23 years as a Special Agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF), and with U.S. Customs.



Rick has owned and operated a small real estate investment and development business for nearly 15 years, and he currently provides national security consulting services to the Department of State.

Rick has the experience and the principles necessary to serve the people of the 78th Assembly District, and he has pledged to serve California as he has served this country with HONOR, INTEGRITY, and COMMON-SENSE.

RICK'S TOP PRIORITIES FOR THE 78TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT AND FOR CALIFORNIA INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING...

Stop Wasteful Government Spending

When will Sacramento start exercising some fiscal restraint? Our state legislators have forgotten that it's our money they're spending!

Rick will work hard to cut the fat from the budget and restore fiscal sanity to our state government. His solution is simple: an immediate spending freeze in order to decide how much of the budget is luxury and how much is necessity. California simply does not have the money to deliver all the services that were once promised, but our budget problems will persist until we elect state officials who are willing to take a bold stance against business-as-usual in Sacramento.

Increase Border Security and Public Safety



The federal government has failed California, and we need to take action to stop the illegal flow of drugs, people, kidnappings, and crime pouring across our border and into our neighborhoods.

Rick understands that illegal immigration is not only a drain on our scarce resources, but it also creates a serious national security risk. Rick will sponsor legislation that unties the hands of state and local law enforcement officers and gives them the capability to enforce immigration laws while prohibiting local police agencies from adopting sanctuary-type policies that limit or restrict enforcement of federal immigration laws.

Require Higher Education Standards



Some recent studies have ranked California's education system 49th out of the 50 states. This is unacceptable! Our standard should be excellence, not mediocrity.

Again, Rick's solution is simple: competition in education. As our Assemblyman, Rick will work to implement a voucher and tax credit program to offset the cost of a better education for children stuck in a public school system that's failing them. Additionally, Rick recognizes the rights of parents to either home school their children or enroll them at a charter school.

Promote Business and Job Growth

Many San Diegans are out of work, and Sacramento's out-of-touch politicians have only made California's job loss crisis worse by increasing the tax burden on businesses and families.

Rick believes that private enterprise, not an expanding state government, will grow the economy and bring good paying jobs back to San Diego County. As our state legislator, Rick will support proven job growth policies that reduce burdensome business regulations and provide tax breaks and incentives for businesses and individuals.

To learn more about Rick, please visit his website...

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