

## **Councilmember Steve Swartz**

### **City of San Clemente**

Steve has served as a member of and President of the Flora Vista Home Owners Association, served as a member and Chairman of the San Clemente Beaches, Parks and Recreation Commission, served as an original member of San Clemente's Coastal Advisory Committee and have been a member of and served as President of the San Clemente Sunrise Rotary.

Steve was born and raised in Southern California. He graduated from Carson High School, played football for EI Camino College and enlisted in the Air Force during Vietnam. He has over 45 years of experience in the financial/banking industry and owned a business in San Clemente since 1989 and a home in Forster Ranch since 1993. He lives there with his wife Nicki and son Kyle.

After military service he entered banking, progressed to bank manager and then went into equipment lease/finance, starting his own leasing firm in the mid-seventies. He entered the surety industry in the 80's, starting South Coast Surety in San Clemente in 1995.

Over the years, Steve built his company into a national surety agency that supports thousands of insurance brokers and direct accounts across the country. As a surety underwriter, Steve daily evaluates public works contracts, budgets and contractor financial statements. Steve has been a pioneer in creating a wide spectrum of surety programs specifically tailored towards small to medium contractors bidding on public works projects of all types. He has been a national industry speaker on bonding and supply/install and service contracting that support federal, state, county, city and school services and facilities.