

CHARLEY WILSON

LAFCO COMMISSIONER

CURRENT TERM OF OFFICE: 2016 - 2020

Commissioner Wilson was first appointed by the Special District Selection Committee to OC LAFCO to serve as an alternate in 2002 and as a regular member in 2012. Recently appointed for the third time, Commissioner Wilson served as Chairman in 2012 and currently serves on the LAFCO Executive Committee.

As current President of the Board and a Director of the Santa Margarita Water District, Charley Wilson is an active and dynamic force in providing leadership to a customer base of more than 155,000 residents and businesses in Mission Viejo, Rancho Santa Margarita and the unincorporated areas of Coto de Caza, Las Flores, Ladera Ranch, Talega and the communities of Rancho Mission Viejo. The Santa Margarita Water District is the second largest retail water agency in Orange County, which serves as the lifeline to the fastest growing area in Orange County and is responsible for supplying clean, affordable, reliable water and wastewater to a multi-million-dollar economy.

Charley has been a leading public affairs professional in Southern California for more than 30 years. Wilson now serves as Executive Director and CEO of the Southern California Water Committee, a nonprofit, nonpartisan, public education partnership between cities, counties, business, industry, agriculture and water agencies dedicated to securing adequate, reliable affordable, quality water for Southern California.

Prior to the Southern California Water Committee, Wilson spent 25 years in the electric utility industry, with Southern California Edison, where he coordinated the development and implementation of strategic planning and communication efforts to align company interests with local, state and federal government officials and agencies. Today, he also represents public affairs clients as the founder and owner of PC Consulting Services, Inc.

Early in his career, he served as director of community and media affairs for State and U.S. Senator John Seymour. He also worked in sports radio and television with ABC, ESPN, and the Netherlands Broadcast Company.

A frequent lecturer and university level instructor, Wilson was invited to provide advanced political campaign and communications seminars to train candidates and political parties in Novosibirsk, Russia. Wilson also hosted and produced "Orange County Outlook," a locally produced television show highlighting current events, political debate and economic development activities in Orange County.

Charley earned his BA degree in political science with an emphasis in international relations and public administration from UCLA. He is currently working toward his Master's Degree in Organizational Leadership at Azusa Pacific University.

Charley has been involved in several community activities including the Southern California Water Committee, Association of California Water Agencies, Southern California Public Affairs Association Advisory Board, Southern California Building Industry Association, Serra Catholic School's Parent Advisory Board, Young Executives of America, the Orange County Public Affairs Association, Orange County Business Council, Mission Hospital Foundation, the Knights of Columbus, Constitutional Rights Foundation, Boy Scouts, YMCA, United Way, Red Cross, KOCE TV, Cystic Fibrosis, CORO, the Sigma Chi fraternity and the UCLA alumni association.