



Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army

CALIFORNIA (GREATER LOS ANGELES)



MARIO A. GUERRA

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Dn. Guerra came from Cuba on one of the first “Viaje De Libertad” (Freedom Flights) at the age of 6 and was raised in Southern California. Mr. Guerra was twice elected and served as Mayor for the City of Downey from 2006-2014. He also served as President of Independent Cities Association, representing 53 Cities and over 7 million people in the greater Los Angeles area. Dn. Guerra had the distinction of being the only Catholic Clergy to hold elected office in the country for 8 years. He currently serves as Chaplain of the Downey Police Department and is a member of the International Conference of Police Chaplains. He is the author of *Embracing Change, An Immigrant Saga*.

EDUCATION

Mr. Guerra was ordained a member of the Catholic Clergy for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles in 2002. He attended St. Johns Seminary College in Camarillo, California in the Diaconate Formation (1998-2002). He is also a lifetime member of the UCLA Alumni Association and has served on several educational committees at UCLA.

GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Elected Mayor of City of Downey 2009-2014; Downey City Council 2006-2014; Elected President of Independent Cities Association 2010-2014; Elected State Treasurer of California Republican Party; California State Senate candidate nominee; Founding Chairman Grow Elect; Government Affairs Chairman Contract Cities Association; Founding Chairman Healthy Downey Coalition.

MEMBERSHIPS AND OTHER AFFILIATIONS

He currently serves on the LA Battalion Army Community Advisory Board for Los Angeles and was one of its founding members 12 years ago with Tommy Lasorda. Mr. Guerra also serves on several executive boards including the Josephson Institute of Ethics, Financial Partners Credit Union, St. Piux X Matthias Academy, St. John Bosco High School, and the Living Tree Foundation serving Veterans. Mr. Guerra also served as President of Independent Cities Association and Executive Board member of Contract Cities Association.

He and his wife, Ann, are co-founders of Angel Tree for Downey. They also started the Diakonia Foundation which gives scholarships to local High School students for community service and outreach to others. He is a Deacon at the Cathedral of Our Lady in Los Angeles and St. Linus Catholic Church in Norwalk.

He was President and Co-Founder of one of the Top 100 largest insurance brokers in the country (Scanlon-Guerra-Burke Insurance) and is currently an executive with Arthur J. Gallagher Insurance, the 3rd largest in the world. He is a published author (*Embracing Change; An Immigrants Sage*) and a respected public policy speaker. He has been a guest lecturer and keynote speaker at Loyola Marymount University, USC, Azusa Pacific University, Cal State Dominguez and UCLA. He has received several Professional and Humanitarian awards.

AWARDS

First recipient of the Romualdo Pacheco Award and Pioneering accomplishments as a Latino Leader in California; Non-Partisan Elected Official of the Year, Los Angeles County; First recipient of Making a Difference in Public Service Award, St. Piux-Matthias Academy; People Helping People Award, Touching Lives Organization; Humanitarian Award, Sister Cities Association; Public Official of the Year, IAAO; Top 10 Largest Insurance Brokers in California, Los Angeles Business Journal; Top 100 Brokers in United States, Insurance Journal. American Dreamer Award, Univision and CSC; Champion of Hope Award, National Community Renaissance.

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