



Council Member Steven T. Sojka

Council Member Steven T. Sojka was appointed to the Simi Valley City Council on November 30, 1998, and was successful in his election bid for a four-year term in November 2000 and subsequent elections in 2004, 2008 and 2012. He was appointed by the City Council to serve as Mayor Pro Tem for 2003, 2007, 2011 and again in 2014.

Council Member Sojka has been honored with numerous Local and National awards in his industry including serving as a National Franchise Advisory Board Member in 1994 and 1995 and Chairman of the National Marketing Committee from 2006-08.

Council Member Sojka is an active member of the community and has been a member of the Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce since 1986, graduating from the first class of Leadership Simi Valley in 1988-89. Council Member Sojka served as the Chamber's Vice President in 1996-97. Council Member Sojka has been a member of Rotary International since 1990 and served as President of the Rotary Club of Simi Valley in 1997-98. Under his leadership as President, the Rotary Club won numerous District awards including Best Medium Size Club in the District that included 62 Clubs from San Luis Obispo to Westlake Village.

Council Member Sojka serves on various City committees, including the Armed Forces Banner Advisory Committee, Arroyo Simi Ad Hoc Committee, Landscape Guidelines and Standards Review Committee, Permit Processing Review Committee, and the Sustainable Simi Valley Committee, and is a Trustee of the Simi Valley Library Board of Trustees. He also serves as a liaison to the Neighborhood Councils. In addition, he serves as the City's representative to the Ventura County Transportation Commission since 2008, a regional transportation planning board and served as its Chairman in 2013-14, and the Ventura Intercity Service Transit Authority (VISTA) for the east Ventura County area. He is a Past President of the Simi Valley Police Foundation, an organization established to provide an avenue to allow the public, businesses, or individuals to make contributions to benefit the Simi Valley Police Department.

Council Member Sojka, at the age of six, moved with his family to Simi Valley in 1970. His father became one of the original twenty two officers to start Simi Valley's Police Department. His father, Robert Sojka, diligently worked his way up to Chief of Police of Simi Valley, a position that he served in from 1977-80.

Council Member Sojka and his wife Laura have three children, Shantel, Bobby, and Breanna.