



HISTORY OF EL CAJON OFFICIALS 1912-2012



Celebrating 100 Years

November 12, 1912 to November 12, 2012



The City has seen many changes throughout its first 100 years, and as we celebrate our Centennial Year, November 2012 through November 2013, our City continues to thrive as El Cajon ... the Valley of Opportunity.

While celebrating this important and historic milestone, we also reflect on how we can leave a viable reminder of our rich past, exciting present and future filled with remarkable potential.

This History of El Cajon Officials Book was developed as a way to preserve our City history in honor of the Centennial.

The City Council values the importance and historical significance of the Centennial and embraced the goals developed by the Centennial Committee to promote and celebrate our community. With invaluable support from the Council and our sponsors, the Centennial Celebration, held on November 12, 2012, has truly been the event of the century!

Thank you to those who came together to plan the Centennial Celebration; without you, this would not be possible.

In recognition of the City's incorporation in 1912, we honor and celebrate the people who make El Cajon the Valley of Opportunity ... yesterday, today and always!

Sincerely,

Mayor Mark Lewis



The Seal of the City of El Cajon – 50 Years of Incorporation

This seal won first prize in a contest sponsored by the Fiftieth Anniversary Committee for its designer, Mr. Dale G. Walton, of El Cajon. The design was officially adopted by the City Council of El Cajon on February 26, 1962.

The designs in the four quarters of the seal represent the four peoples or nations who have had sovereignty over El Cajon. In the lower right hand quarter is an Indian design emblematic of the first settlers in the valley. The lower left quarter comes from the coat of arms of Spain. The upper right quarter represents Mexico and the upper left the United States. Across the face of the seal are two hands clasped in friendship emblematic of the friendly community spirit of El Cajon.

The City’s Centennial Logo – 100 Years of Incorporation

Created to commemorate the City of El Cajon’s Centennial, on November 12, 2012, this striking logo showcases the majestic view into El Cajon . . . The Valley of Opportunity.

The logo’s bold, artful sun shining over the El Cajon Valley mirrors the City’s downtown landmark street arch located at the intersection of Main Street and Magnolia Avenue. The arch proudly marks the original historic site known as Knox’s Corners, and today, symbolizes the gateway to downtown El Cajon. Knox’s Corners was named after El Cajon’s original founder Amaziah Knox, who built the valley’s first hotel on the south side of an ancient Kumeyaay trail leading up to the Cuyamaca Mountain range. The Magnolia blossom represents the original trees imported from Alabama by the City’s first Mayor, James Harris. These beautiful trees were planted for shade and landscaping around the homes of the day and are continually used as a signature tree in the downtown landscape.



Both the City Seal and the Centennial Logo, designed and selected by the community, are symbolic of our City; celebrating our vibrant past and looking towards an exciting future in El Cajon . . . the Valley of Opportunity.



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100 YEARS OF CITY HISTORY

In the early part of the nineteenth century, the explorations of the mission padres for pasture land led them to El Cajon Valley. The surrounding foothills were a barrier to straying cattle as well as a watershed to gather the sparse rainfall for fertile grasslands along the valley floor. For years the pasture lands supported the cattle herds of the mission and its native Indian converts.

With independence from Spain, the Spanish Dons began to cast envious eyes on the vast holdings of the Roman Catholic Missions. With secularization in 1845, California Governor Pio Pico confiscated the lands of Mission San Diego de Alcalá and granted the eleven square leagues of El Cajon Valley to Dona Maria Antonio Estudillo, wife of Don Miguel de Pedorena, to repay a \$500 government obligation. The grant included generally the present communities of Lakeside, Santee, Bostonia, Glenview, Johnstown, El Cajon, and part of Grossmont.

Recorded history affords scant evidence to establish a beginning date for either a permanent Spanish or American community in the valley. The Pedorenas continued their residence in San Diego and their absentee proprietorship did not foster any economic development. Scattered homes of adobe construction were erected in the area during the mid-19th century, but the permanency of their occupancy is open to question. The establishment of a school for six children in 1870 in a homestead at Park and Magnolia Avenues offered conclusive proof that a permanent American settlement had been established.



El Cajon, circa 1870

Multiple key factors shaped El Cajon's destiny. First, there was a transfer of title from the permanent holdings of the mission to the changing hands of the Pedorenas and their successors. This permitted the so-called highest and best use of the land in commercial terms. Then, there were the natural corridors, which made Main Street and Magnolia Avenue the crossroads from San Diego to points east, and to the gold mining operations in Julian to the north. Third, there were the real estate developments following the Civil War initiated by a San Francisco entrepreneur named Issac Lankershim. The native instincts of Amaziah L. Knox, a New Englander, for the economic value of the corner lot resulted in the erection of El Cajon's first commercial building at Magnolia Avenue and Main Street in 1876. Finally,

the phenomenon called direction of growth laid a path of post-World War II's exploding urbanization along Mission Valley, through La Mesa and El Cajon.

Following the American Civil War, migrations of settlers sought homesteads on the public lands of the West. However, the poorly defined boundaries and legal confusion of Pio Pico's Rancho Cajon land grant to the Pedorenas were to be a source of considerable dispute. As a consequence, historical accounts frequently refer to these pioneering homesteaders by the less noble term of "squatters."

Lankershim bought the bulk of the Pedronena's Rancho Cajon holdings in 1868, employing Major Levi Chase as his attorney. Seven years of litigation ensued before title was cleared and settlements were negotiated with the squatters. Lankershim subdivided his land, selling large tracts for wheat ranching. However, it was soon discovered that the soil and climate would support almost any crop. Within a few years, "The Valley of Opportunity" was a flourishing produce center for citrus, avocados, grapes, and raisins. In fact, the suitability of the clear, sunny climate for drying raisins was a major real estate sales pitch.



Mule Teams Hauling Supplies, Circa 1880

The gold mining operations in Julian brought a steady trek of freight traffic hauling equipment, supplies, and ore between San Diego and Julian. The natural line of drift led the teamsters down the old Mussey Grade (now covered by San Vicente Reservoir), south to the present site of Magnolia Avenue and Main Street, then west through the Grossmont Pass into San Diego. Knox had moved into the valley in 1869 to build Lankershim's house and manage his wheat ranch. Noting the teamsters' habit of camping overnight at the present site of Main Street and Magnolia Avenue, he erected a seven room building as a combination residence and hotel on its southwest corner in 1876. Small additions were followed by a large two story annex in 1882.

Knox's Corner was to be the nucleus of El Cajon's business district for the next seventy years. By the turn of the century the two blocks of Main Street, astride Magnolia Avenue, boasted two hotels, a general store, meat market, post office, pharmacy, harness shop, blacksmith shop, and sundry smaller shops and offices.

On November 12, 1912, at the general election, 123 of 158 electors voted to incorporate a 1 1/4 square mile area centering on the historic corners of Main Street and Magnolia Avenue. The board of five trustees met the following week to elect a President and appoint a City Attorney. Regular meetings were scheduled for the first Wednesday of each month. However, special meetings to get the administration organized and functioning were not infrequent. Committees were appointed for Streets, Alleys, Water and Lights, Finance and Licenses, Health, Morals, and Sanitation. In addition to the elected positions of Treasurer and Clerk, appointments were made for a Marshal and Tax Collector, Engineer, Recorder, Superintendent of Streets, two Deputy Marshals, and a Fire Chief. Ordinances and resolutions were passed to fix salaries or other compensation, provide for the grading and sprinkling of streets, contract for bridge construction and mapping the City, banning cattle and hogs from the central city, and outlawing horse racing down Main Street.

For the next thirty years, El Cajon followed the pattern of orderly development typical of rural, small-town America. By 1940, the population had slightly more than doubled to a figure of 1,471. In the five years following World War II, the winds of change became apparent. While land area increased slightly to 1.67 square miles, in-migration increased the population to 5,600. In 1949, the City Council began to study the feasibility of the council-manager form of government to meet the day-to-day administrative and long-range planning requirements of a growing metropolitan area.

The office of City Manager was instituted in 1950, in time to meet the most explosive decade of growth in El Cajon's history, or for that matter, the history of any comparable community in the nation. By 1960, the incorporated area was to increase five-fold, to 9.8 square miles, and population six-fold, to 37,618.

However, this remarkable growth was not accomplished without its trauma. Fiscal resources for capital investments necessary to keep municipal services abreast of geometrically increasing demand were sorely strained. Substantial capital outlays were needed in virtually every department: Police, Fire, Sewage Treatment, Public Works, Parks and Recreation and General Government. In 1959, the City Council and City Manager commissioned a research study to assess the present and probable future structure of the City. Given the unforeseen developments in double digit inflation and federal revenue sharing of the 1970's, the projections of this study were to prove remarkably prophetic.

Integrating these research findings and projections into the master plans, during the next decade El Cajon moved ahead on a number of significant projects. Acquisition of additional firefighting equipment resulted in much improved insurance ratings. A dozen key street improvement projects solved the traffic congestion problems, which were beginning to surface throughout the incorporated area. A cross service agreement with the San Diego Metropolitan Sewer District and construction of a major outfall line eliminated the need to rely on septic tanks, which were saturating the subsoil to the danger point. The timely purchase of property on Vernon Way in the early 1950's facilitated the economic construction of Public Works maintenance and storage facilities. Later, this expanded to include a Fire Station, Animal Control Facility, and the regional Heartland Fire Training Facility.

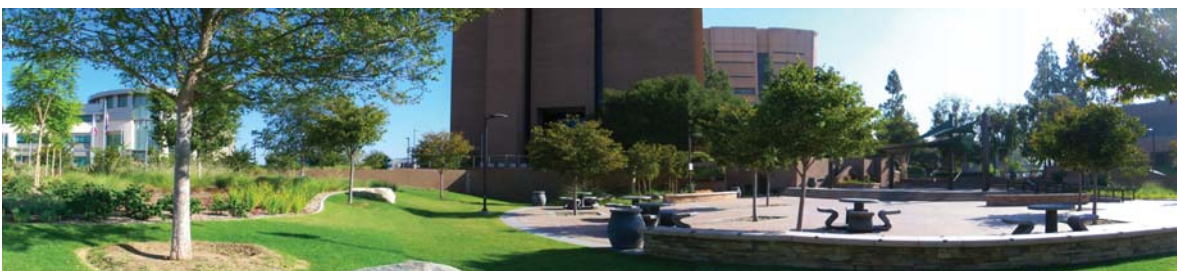
As the City neared the end of the twentieth century, its growth was considerably more measured and orderly than that of the frantic fifties. Guided by a prudent and fiscally responsible civic leadership, it has weathered the rapid growth period with a balanced economy and a governmental structure, which offers full municipal services. In 1976, during our nation's bicentennial, a new Civic Center was opened to serve the El Cajon community, lending added luster to the historic corners of Main Street and Magnolia Avenue. More recently, a new Fire Station Headquarters and Community Center opened on Lexington and Douglas Avenues, respectively. A Public Safety Center was opened in 2011, housing the El Cajon Police Department in a convenient location across from City Hall in the Civic Center. One might pause to speculate on the thoughts of a sturdy New Englander when, a century earlier, he erected El Cajon's first commercial structure diagonally across the street.

Currently, the City is 14 square miles and has a population of 100,116. El Cajon continues to be a welcoming home to newly arriving immigrants. Although the population only increased by 5,247 over the last 12 years, the built-out City's strong business commerce is attractive to those looking for an area of opportunity.

By a vote of the people, on June 5, 2012, El Cajon transitioned from a General Law City to a Charter City giving City Council more local control of municipal affairs. By adopting a charter, El Cajon can exempt itself from many costly state regulations that general law cities must follow.

On November 12, 2012, exactly 100 years after the City's incorporation, a large Centennial Celebration was held in the heart of downtown El Cajon. An estimated 15,000 participants attended this free, family-friendly event, which highlighted the City's rich history, exciting present and vibrant future in "The Valley of Opportunity." A new plaza area outside City Hall was constructed and dedicated as Centennial Plaza, and a Centennial Medallion inlay was unveiled at the corner of East Main Street and Sulzfeld Way.

As we continue forward into the next 100 years as a City, we remember that it is the people who make El Cajon the *Valley of Opportunity... yesterday, today, and always!*





City Council, 2011

CURRENT MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

The El Cajon City Council meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 3 p.m. (General Discussion Items) and 7 p.m. (Public Hearing Items). The dates of meetings in November and December may vary, due to holiday observances.

EL CAJON MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 2.08

The Mayor shall be the presiding officer of the city council. The mayor shall preserve strict order and decorum at all regular, adjourned regular and special meetings of the city council. The Mayor shall state every question coming before the council, announce the decision of the council on all subjects, and decide all questions of order. However, such decisions on order shall be subject to an appeal to the city council, in which event a majority vote of the city council shall govern and conclusively determine such question of order. The mayor shall sign all ordinances and resolutions.

CHAPTER 2.08.040

If the mayor is absent or unable to act, the mayor pro tempore shall serve until the mayor returns or is able to act. The mayor pro tempore has all of the powers and duties of the Mayor. In the event of the absence of the mayor, the mayor pro tempore shall sign ordinances or resolutions adopted during such absence.



MARK LEWIS

MAYOR and CHAIR, HOUSING AUTHORITY

Elected to Council November 1990

Re-Elected June 1992 and November 1996

Appointed Mayor Pro Tempore July 1993 and December 1997

Elected Mayor November 3, 1998

Re-Elected Mayor November 5, 2002,

November 7, 2006, and November 2, 2010

Term Expires: November 2014



TONY AMBROSE

Councilmember and MEMBER, HOUSING AUTHORITY

Appointed March 27, 2012

Appointed Mayor Pro Tempore March 27, 2012

Elected November 6, 2012

Term Expires: November 2016

CURRENT MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL



GARY KENDRICK

Councilmember and MEMBER, HOUSING AUTHORITY

Elected March 5, 2002

Re-Elected November 5, 2002, November 7, 2006, and November 2, 2010

Appointed Mayor Pro Tempore July 2002, December 3, 2002,

December 16, 2003, December 14, 2010 and April 26, 2011

Term Expires: November 2014



BOB McCLELLAN

Councilmember and MEMBER, HOUSING AUTHORITY

Elected June 1992

Re-Elected November 5, 1996,

November 7, 2000, November 2, 2004,

November 4, 2008, November 6, 2012

Appointed Mayor Pro Tempore July 1994, December 2001,

December 14, 2004, December 19, 2006, April 26, 2011

Term Expires: November 2016



BILL WELLS

Councilmember and MAYOR PRO TEM

Elected November 4, 2008

Re-Elected November 6, 2012

Appointed Mayor Pro Tempore December 16, 2008, December 11, 2012

Term Expires: November 2016



View of the valley, Circa 2010

HISTORY OF MAYORS

From 1912 to 1924, the title “President of the Board of Trustees” was used – changed to “Chairman of the Board of Trustees” in 1926 and then to “Mayor” in 1932. Selection was by the other members of the Board (Council) until an election on APRIL 12, 1966, where a majority of the voters passed a measure to directly elect a Mayor and four Councilmembers at the Election in 1968 for four year terms.

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
1912 – 1914	J. A. HARRIS	Appointed 11/18/1912
1914 – 1915	JOHN R. ROGERS	Appointed 4/20/1914 Resigned 4/6/1915
1915 – 1916	MYRON PRISLER	Appointed 4/6/1915
1916 – 1917	LOUIS FORNEY	Appointed 4/17/1916 Removed due to dis-incorporation election
1917 – 1918	F. S. TRUE	Appointed 5/7/1917
1918 – 1920	O. D. IMES	Appointed 4/15/1918
1920 – 1922	ED A. MUELLER	Appointed 5/3/1920
1922 – 1924	ED A. MUELLER	Appointed 4/17/1922
1924 – 1926	LEE T. MEACHUM	Appointed 4/21/1924

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1926 – 1930	WILLIAM STELL	Appointed 4/19/1926 Reappointed 5/7/1928 Reappointed 4/21/1930
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MAYOR

1932 – 1934	WILLIAM STELL	Appointed 4/18/1932
1934 – 1937	GEORGE F. GRAY	Appointed 4/16/1934 Reappointed 4/20/1936 Deceased 3/1/1937
1937 – 1938	H. F. MERCHANT	Appointed 3/1/1937
1938 – 1940	GAIL F. WRIGHT	Appointed 5/2/1938
1949 - 1952	JAMES E. HUNT	Appointed 7/22/1949 Reappointed 4/18/1950
1952 – 1954	NELSON M. FLEMING	Appointed 4/15/1952
1954 – 1956	JOHN R. STEELE	Appointed 4/20/1954
1956 – 1958	C. HAMILTON JUDY	Appointed 4/17/1956
1958 – 1962	KARL R. TUTTLE	Appointed 4/15/1958 Reappointed 4/19/1960
1962 – 1963	ROBERT L. CORNETT	Appointed 4/17/1962
1963 – 1964	C. LLOYD LOFTUS	Appointed 4/1/1963
1964 – 1965	EARL C. FREELAND	Appointed 4/21/1964
1965 –1967	ALBERT L. VAN ZANTEN	Appointed 4/5/1965 Reappointed 4/19/1966
1967 – 1968	RICHARD R. BROWN	Appointed 4/3/1967

DIRECTLY ELECTED MAYOR FOR FOUR-YEAR TERM

1968 – 1976	JAMES SNAPP	Elected 4/9/1968 Elected 4/11/1972
1976 – 1978	ROBERT L. CORNETT	Elected 3/2/1976 Resigned 3/14/1978
1978 –1990	JOHN W. REBER	Appointed by Council to complete Cornett term, Elected 4/8/1980 Elected 6/3/1986

City Council Ordinance 3578 adopted January 12, 1982, changed the City General Municipal Election date to the same day as school district elections (November of odd years), (extended terms by 20 months).

City Council Ordinance 3859 adopted June 4, 1985, changed the City General Municipal Election date to the same day as the Statewide Direct Primary Election (June of even years), (extended terms by 7 months).

City Council Ordinance 4445 adopted July 5, 1994, changed the City Election to the time of the Statewide General Election held in November of even years (extended terms by 5 months).

Terms were extended a total of 32 months or 2 years, 8 months.

1990 – 1998

JOAN SHOEMAKER

Elected 6/5/90
Elected 6/7/1994

1998 - Present

MARK LEWIS

Elected 11/3/1998
Elected 11/5/2002
Elected 11/7/2006
Elected 11/2/2010



Cajon Classic Cruise, 2008



Council Chambers, 2011

HISTORY OF CITY COUNCIL AND ELECTIONS

November 12, 1912

This General Election incorporated the City of El Cajon and the first governing board was elected. Terms of Board Members were initially for two years.

PRESIDENT: J. A. Harris (selected by the Board)

J. B. Rumsey

Dr. Charles R. Knox

William Stell

George W. French

November 18, 1912, was the first meeting of the Board of Trustees at the City Club rooms, in the Corona Hotel. Attorney L. D. Welsh who had acted as attorney during the incorporation proceedings of the City of El Cajon was present and gave instructions to the Board in regard to its organization and official duties.

The first Wednesday of each month at 8:00 p.m was designated as the regular meetings of the Board.

The City Club rooms in the Corona Hotel were suggested as a place to meet if proper arrangements could be made with the lessee of said building.

April 13, 1914

PRESIDENT: John P. Rogers (selected by the Board)

Charles E. Brown

Myron W. Prisler

George F. Gray

John B. Rumsey

April 11, 1916

PRESIDENT: Louis Forney (selected by the Board)

Joe Karrer

Louis Froney

Albert L. Case

R. B. Harrington

Election for Disincorporation

The Vote: For Incorporation: 156 - for Disincorporation: 88 - The City remained incorporated.

April 8, 1918

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD: O. D. Imes (selected by the Board)

J. A. MacKinnon

H. L. Griswold

B. F. McKinney

Mrs. M. E. Rains

April 12, 1920

**Election for two Members of Board of Trustees*

PRESIDENT: O. D. Imes (selected by Board vote)

B. F. McKinney

*Edwin Mueller

Knowles

*Francis Manning

April 10, 1922

**Election for four Members of Board of Trustees*

PRESIDENT: Edwin A. Mueller (selected by Board vote)

*W. E. Lyon

*W. M. Stell

*L. T. Meacham

*Aubrey Sears

April 14, 1924

**Election for two Members of Council*

PRESIDENT: Lee T. Meachum selected by Council vote)

*L. P. Larson

William Stell

*Aubrey C. Sears

April 12, 1926

**Election for three Members of Council*

PRESIDENT: *William Stell (selected by Council vote)

*A. L. Ballantyne

L. P. Larson

*Roy L. Fuller

Aubrey C. Sears

April 9, 1928

**Election for two Members of Council*

*Aubrey C. Sears (4-year term)

Roy L. Fuller

*Herbert F. Wells (4-year term)

William Stell

A. L. Ballantyne

April 14, 1930

**Election for four Members of Council 2/4 year terms, 2/2 year terms)*

MAYOR: *William Stell (4-year term) (selected by Council vote)

*Aubrey C. Sears (2-year term)

*George G. **Waite** (2-year term)

*Coleman Hinkle (2-year term)

A. L. Ballantyne

April 11, 1932

**Election for four Members of Council (2/4 year terms, 2/2 year terms)*

MAYOR: William Stell (selected by Council vote)

*George F. Gray (4-year term)

*William Ellis (2-year term)

*Benjamin F. McKinney (4 year term)

*Coleman D. Hinkle (2 year term)

April 9, 1934

**Election for three Members of Council*

MAYOR: George F. Gray (selected by Council vote)

*Hans J. Hansen

*Albert W. Jorgensen

*Herbert F. Merchant

Benjamin F. McKinney

April 14, 1936

**Election for four Members of Council (2/4 year terms and 2/2 year terms)*

MAYOR: George F. Gray (4 year term)(selected by Council vote)

COUNCILMEMBERS:

Gail H. Wright (4-year term)

Charles J. Tate (2-year term)

Asa E. Scott (2-year term)

Herbert F. Merchant

April 12, 1938

**Election for four Members of Council (3/4 year terms and 1/2 year term)*

MAYOR: Gail H. Wright (selected by Council vote)

COUNCILMEMBERS:

*Gale J. Fansher (4-Year term)

*Charles J. Tate (4-Year term)

*H. S. Merchant (2-year term)

*Claude H. Kenyon (4-Year term)

April 9, 1940

**Election for two Members of Council*

MAYOR: Claude H. Kenyon

COUNCILMEMBERS:

*Earl L. Langley

Charles J. Tate

*John E. Milbery

April 14, 1942

**Election for three Members of Council*

MAYOR: *Claude H. Kenyon (selected by Council vote)

COUNCILMEMBERS:

*Gale J. Fansher

*Cecil G. Cheeseman

Earl L. Langley

John E. Milbery

April 11, 1944

**Election for two Members of Council*

MAYOR: Claude H. Kenyon (selected by Council vote)

COUNCILMEMBERS:

*Homer W. Meachum

Gale J. Fansher

*Earl L. Langley

Cecil G. Cheeseman

April 9, 1946

**Election for three Members of Council*

MAYOR: *Claude H. Kenyon (selected by Council vote)

COUNCILMEMBERS:

*Hovey C. Crandall

Earl L. Langley

*Royal K. Smith

Homer W. Meachum

April 13, 1948

**Election for two Members of Council*

MAYOR: Claude H. Kenyon (selected by Council vote)

COUNCILMEMBERS:

*Nelson (Mac) Fleming

*James E. Hunt

Hovey C. Crandall

Earl L. Langley

April 11, 1950

**Election for three Members of Council*

MAYOR: James E. Hunt (selected by Council vote)

COUNCILMEMBERS:

Nelson (Mac) Fleming

*John R. (Bob) Steele

*Carlos L. Hull

*Hovey C. Crandall

April 8, 1952

**Election for two Members of Council*

MAYOR: *Nelson M. (Mac) Fleming (selected by Council vote)

COUNCILMEMBERS:

*James E. Hunt

Hovey C. Crandall

Carlos Hull

John Robert Steele

April 13, 1954

**Election for three Members of Council*

MAYOR: *John Robert Steele (selected by Council vote)

COUNCILMEMBERS:

Paul E. Bos

C. Hamilton Judy

Nelson M. (Mac) Fleming

James E. (Jim) Hunt

April 10, 1956

**Election for two Members of Council*

MAYOR: C. Hamilton Judy (selected by Council vote)

COUNCILMEMBERS:

*Nelson M. (Mac) Fleming

*James E. (Jim) Hunt

Paul E. Bos

John Robert Steele

April 8, 1958

**Election for three Members of Council*

MAYOR: *Karl L. Tuttle (selected by Council vote)

COUNCILMEMBERS:

*Erich Reinau

*Walter E. Boortz

James E. (Jim) Hunt

Nelson M. (Mac) Fleming

April 12, 1960

**Election for two Members of Council*

MAYOR: Karl L. Tuttle (selected by Council vote)

Walter E. Boortz

Erich Reinau

*C. Lloyd Loftus

*Robert L. (Bob) Cornett

April 10, 1962

**Election for three Members of Council*

MAYOR: Robert L. (Bob) Cornett (selected by Council vote)

COUNCILMEMBERS:

C. Lloyd Loftus

*Earl C. Freeland

*Albert L. Van Zanten

*Hal H. Whelpley

April 14, 1964

**Election for two Members of Council*

MAYOR: Earl C. Freeland (selected by Council vote)

COUNCILMEMBERS:

*Bob Cornett

*C. Lloyd Loftus

Albert L. Van Zanten

Hal H. Whelply

April 12, 1966

**Election for three Members of the City Council and measure to directly elect the Mayor passed*

MAYOR: *Al Van Zanten (selected by Council vote)

COUNCILMEMBERS:

*George Quidort

*Dick Brown

C. Lloyd Loftus

Bob Cornett

April 9, 1968

**Election for Mayor and one Council member*

MAYOR: *Jim Snapp

COUNCILMEMBERS:

*Bob Cornett

Dick Brown

Al Van Zanten

George Quidort

April 14, 1970

**Election for three Members of the City Council and a measure to appoint the City Clerk and City Treasurer passed.*

MAYOR: Jim Snapp

COUNCILMEMBERS:

*Dick Brown

*Al Van Zanten

*George Quidort

Bob Cornett

April 11, 1972

**Election for Mayor and one Council member*

MAYOR: *Jim Snapp

COUNCILMEMBERS:

*Bob Cornett

Al Van Zanten

Dick Brown

George Quidort

March 5, 1974

**Election for three Members of Council*

MAYOR: Jim Snapp

COUNCILMEMBERS:

Bob Cornett

*Lucille Moore

*Howard Pierce

*John Reber

March 2, 1976

**Election for Mayor and one Councilmember*

MAYOR: *Bob Cornett

COUNCILMEMBERS:

*Merrill Groat

Lucille Moore

Howard Pierce

John Reber

NOVEMBER 9, 1976 - COUNCIL MEETING: The last meeting in the former Council Chambers at 150 East Lexington Avenue.

NOVEMBER 16, 1976 - COUNCIL MEETING: The first meeting in the new Council Chambers at 200 East Main Street. (Council Meetings were weekly in those days)

DECEMBER 7, 1976 - COUNCIL MEETING: Council accepted a letter from Lucille V. Moore submitting her resignation as of December 10, 1976, since she had been elected to the Board of Supervisors, representing the 2nd District.

DECEMBER 9, 1976 - COUNCIL MEETING: At the meeting held at 1:30 p.m., 7 individuals were interviewed for the Council seat vacated by Lucille Moore, among them, Harriet Stockwell, Jack Hanson, and Dona Foster. In those days, Council voted by ballot selecting numbers 1, 2 and 3 and the City Clerk and City Attorney would tabulate the ballots. Council would continue to vote until a consensus was reached. A recess was called twice and finally at 4:00 p.m., Harriet Stockwell was appointed to be sworn in on December 28, 1976, on the date her resignation from the Planning Commission was effective. Council considered applicants for the Planning Commission, one of which was Dick Ramos, who was not appointed. Edward A. Pinoni was appointed to complete Harriet's term.

MARCH 7, 1978 - ELECTION: Three seats were up and John Reber, C. Dan Conaway and Dona Foster were elected (Groat and Pierce did not run). In addition, the Paramedic Measure was approved: 4127 (Yes) to 1725 (No).

MARCH 14, 1978 - COUNCIL MEETING: At the meeting held at 4:00 p.m., newly elected Reber, Conaway and Foster were sworn in and, at that same meeting, Council accepted with regret the resignation of Mayor Cornett.

MARCH 14, 1978 - COUNCIL MEETING: At the meeting held at 7:30 p.m., Council appointed John Reber as Mayor. Council also decided at this meeting, after a lengthy discussion, that since they had just had an election - they would accept applications and appoint for the vacancy created by appointing John Reber as Mayor.

MARCH 30, 1978 - COUNCIL MEETING: After interviews with 13 applicants, Council conducted the same ballot procedure and after several ballots and recesses, Jack Hanson was appointed to complete the term to March 1982.

March 7, 1978

MAYOR: John Reber (appointed March 14 to fill vacancy of Mayor created by resignation of Bob Cornett)

COUNCILMEMBERS:

Jack Hanson (appointed March 30 to fill vacancy created when John Reber was appointed Mayor)

Dona Foster

C. Dan Conaway

Merrill Groat

April 8, 1980

**Election for Mayor and one Councilmember*

ORDINANCE 3578 ADOPTED JANUARY 12, 1982 CHANGED THE ELECTION DATE TO NOVEMBER OF ODD YEARS (SAME AS SCHOOL DISTRICTS)

(Extended terms by 20 months)

MAYOR: John Reber

COUNCILMEMBERS:

Jack L. Hanson

Dona M. Foster

C. Dan Conaway

Harriet Stockwell

April 1, 1982 - May 4, 1982

*MAYOR: John Reber

COUNCILMEMBERS:

Jack L. Hanson

Dona M. Foster

(Dan Conaway resigned)

*Harriet Stockwell

May 4, 1982 - November 22, 1983

MAYOR: John Reber

COUNCILMEMBERS:

Jack L. Hanson

Dona M. Foster

*Richard K. Smith (filled vacancy created by Dan Conaway's resignation)

Harriet Stockwell

November 8, 1983

**Election for three Councilmembers*

*ORDINANCE 3859 ADOPTED JUNE 4, 1985 CHANGED ELECTION TO JUNE EVEN YEARS - AS
STATEWIDE PRIMARY
(Extended terms by 7 months)*

November 22, 1983 - July 1, 1986

MAYOR: John Reber

COUNCILMEMBERS:

*Jack L. Hanson

*Joan Shoemaker

*Richard K. Smith

Harriet Stockwell

June 3, 1986

**Election for Mayor and one Councilmember*

July 1, 1986 - July 5, 1988

*MAYOR: John Reber

COUNCILMEMBERS:

Jack L. Hanson

Joan Shoemaker

Richard K. Smith

*Harriet Stockwell

June 7, 1988

**Election for three Councilmembers*

July 5, 1988 - July 3, 1990

MAYOR: John Reber

Councilmembers:

*Jack L. Hanson

*Joan Shoemaker

*Beverly Miller

Harriet Stockwell

June 5, 1990

**Election for Mayor and one Councilmember*

July 3, 1990 - December 4, 1990

*MAYOR: Joan Shoemaker

COUNCILMEMBERS:

Jack L. Hanson

(Vacancy created by election of Shoemaker as MAYOR)

Beverly Miller

*Harriet Stockwell

November 6, 1990

**Election for one Councilmember at special election to fill vacancy created by Shoemaker election as Mayor*

December 4, 1990 - July 7, 1992

MAYOR: Joan Shoemaker

COUNCILMEMBERS:

Jack L. Hanson

*Mark Lewis

Beverly Miller

Harriet Stockwell

HISTORY OF CITY COUNCIL AND ELECTIONS

June 2, 1992

**Election for three Councilmembers*

July 7, 1992 - June 7, 1994

MAYOR: Joan Shoemaker

COUNCILMEMBERS:

*Bob McClellan

*Richard J. Ramos

*Mark Lewis

Harriet Stockwell

June 7, 1994

**Election for Mayor and one Councilmember*

July 5, 1994 - December 3, 1996

*MAYOR: Joan Shoemaker

COUNCILMEMBERS:

Bob McClellan

Richard J. Ramos

Mark Lewis

*Todd Keegan

ORDINANCE 4445 ADOPTED JULY 5, 1994 CHANGED THE CITY ELECTION TO THE TIME OF THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER, EVEN YEARS

(Extended terms by 5 months) The change was precipitated by the State changing the Primary Election in Presidential Years to March (even years).

NOTE: Since 1982, the City Council has extended terms of office by 32 months.

November 5, 1996

**Election for three Councilmembers*

December 3, 1996 - November 3, 1998

MAYOR: Joan Shoemaker

COUNCILMEMBERS:

Todd Keegan

*Bob McClellan

*Dick Ramos

*Mark Lewis

November 3, 1998

**Elected Mayor and one Councilmember*

December 8, 1998 - November 5, 2002

MAYOR: Mark Lewis

Councilmembers:

Todd Keegan

Bob McClellan

Dick Ramos

Charles Santos (Appointed 12/22/1998 to complete Lewis vacancy term to 11/2000)

At the December 22, 1998 Council Meeting Charles Santos was appointed to complete the term of Mark Lewis to November, 2000 due his election as Mayor.

Special Election March 7, 2000

Ballot Measure as follows:

PROPOSITION "C"

"Shall an Ordinance be adopted to establish the directly elected Mayor of the City of El Cajon as a full-time position with a salary set at \$65,000 and with future increases made by City Council pursuant to California Law?"

20,360 ballots were cast out of 41,891 Registered Voters

Yes Votes: 8,160 (43.89%)`

No Votes: 10,431 (56.11%)

Proposition Failed.

November 7, 2000

**Election for three Councilmembers*

MAYOR: Mark Lewis

COUNCILMEMBERS:

Todd Keegan

*Bob McClellan - Reelected

*Dick Ramos - Reelected

*Charles Santos - Elected

13 Candidates ran for 3 Seats:

Special Election March 5, 2002

At the July 24, 2001, City Council Meeting, a letter from Councilmember Keegan was on the Agenda resigning from the City Council. A Special Election was called for March 5, 2002.

Eight Candidates ran for the one seat for the remaining eight months of the term to expire November 5, 2002.

41,708 Registered Voters – 12, 669 Voted (30.32 %)

Gary Kendrick was elected.

November 5, 2002

**Election for Mayor and one Councilmember*

MAYOR: *Mark Lewis - Reelected

COUNCILMEMBERS:

*Gary Kendrick - Reelected

Bob McClellan

Dick Ramos

Charles Santos

42,908 Registered Voters – 18,418 Votes Cast (42.9%)

Three Candidates ran for Mayor and six for City Councilmember.

November 2, 2004

Election for three members of the city council and Proposition "O" – One-Half cent sales tax increase to fund a public safety facility.

Proposition "O" was successfully passed with 68.92% of the vote (66.66 or 2/3 required to pass)

Ten candidates contended for three seats on the City Council. The three highest vote getters were Dick Ramos, Bob McClellan and Jillian Hanson-Cox. Terms to November, 2008.

MAYOR: Mark Lewis

COUNCILMEMBERS:

Gary Kendrick

Bob McClellan – *Reelected

Dick Ramos – *Reelected

Jillian Hanson-Cox – *Elected

November 7, 2006

**Elected Mayor and one Councilmember*

MAYOR: Mark Lewis * Reelected

COUNCILMEMBERS:

Gary Kendrick * Reelected

Jillian Hanson-Cox

Bob McClellan

Dick Ramos

Three Candidates ran for Mayor and four for Councilmember.

November 4, 2008

Election for three members of the City Council and Proposition "J" – One-Half cent sales tax ballot measure to prevent further cuts and preserve funding for general city services.

Proposition "J" was successfully passed with 51.77% of the vote (66.66% or 2/3 required to pass)

MAYOR: Mark Lewis

COUNCILMEMBERS:

Gary Kendrick

Jillian Hanson-Cox *Reelected

Bob McClellan *Reelected

Bill Wells * Elected

eleven Candidates ran for three Council Seats

November 2, 2010

**Elected Mayor and one Councilmember*

MAYOR: Mark Lewis *Reelected

COUNCILMEMBERS:

Gary Kendrick *Reelected

Jillian Hanson-Cox

Bob McClellan

Dick Ramos

Five Candidates ran for Mayor and Four for Councilmember.

At the March 13, 2012, City Council meeting a letter of resignation from Councilmember Hanson-Cox was on the agenda.

Council acted to accept applications and interview candidates.

Tony Ambrose was appointed to fill the seat on March 27, 2012.

June 5, 2012

CHARTER - Special Election Text

November 6, 2012

**Election for three Councilmembers*

MAYOR: Mark Lewis

COUNCILMEMBERS:

*Tony Ambrose - Elected

Gary Kendrick

*Bob McClellen - Reelected

*Bill Wells - Reelected

Eight Candidates ran for three Council Seats



City Council Meeting



Centennial Plaza



City Hall



Police Station



Fire Station #6

CURRENT CITY ADMINISTRATION

City Manager	DOUGLAS WILLIFORD
Deputy City Manager/ Director of Finance	NANCY PALM
City Attorney	MORGAN FOLEY
City Clerk	KATHIE RUTLEDGE
Director of Recreation	SARA RAMIREZ
Director of Human Resources	JIM LYNCH
Police Chief	JIM REDMAN
Fire Chief	RICK SITTA



Outside City Hall, 2011

HISTORY OF CITY MANAGERS

2.04.110 ADMINISTRATIVE HEAD OF CITY GOVERNMENT

The City Manager shall be the administrative head of the City government, under the direction and control of the City Council. (Prior code § 2-27.)

Neither the city council nor any of its committees or members shall direct, request or attempt to influence, either directly or indirectly, the appointment of any person to office or employment by the city manager, or in any manner interfere with the city manager or prevent him or her from exercising his or her own judgment in the appointment of officers and employees in the administrative service. Except for the purpose of inquiry, the council and its members shall deal with the administrative service solely through the city manager, and neither the council nor any member thereof shall give orders to any of the subordinates of the city manager, either publicly or privately. (Ord. 4554, 1997; prior code § 2-28.)

The city manager shall be responsible to the city council for the efficient administration of all the affairs of the city which are under his or her control.

MARCH 14, 1949 - COUNCIL MEETING: The City Council instructed City Clerk, V. A. Christensen, to write the League of California Cities for information relative to the City Manager form of government for a City the size of El Cajon, (U.S. census for 1950 - 5,900 population) and also for a model Ordinance as to duties of the City Manager.

El Cajon was the smallest of the 8 incorporated cities in the County in 1950. (Ranking: (1) San Diego, (2) National City, (3) Chula Vista, (4) Oceanside, (5) Coronado, (6) La Mesa, (7) Escondido and (8) El Cajon.) El Cajon was 3rd largest in 1960, surpassing all others except San Diego and Chula Vista. El Cajon had the biggest growth spurt percentage wise of any city in the County from 1950 – 1960.

APRIL 18, 1949 - COUNCIL MEETING: The City Council appointed a Civic group as a committee to investigate the advisability of appointing a City Manager for the City and to report back with their recommendations within 60 days – the Committee consisted of Carlisle Reed, Andrew Ballantyne, Rexford Hall, Donald Stewart, Nat Eggert, C. H. Kenyon, H. S. Merchant and Roger Beatty.

AUGUST 1, 1949 - COUNCIL MEETING: Council received an application from L. J. Roy for the position as City Manager. The application was read and the Mayor requested to file the letter until final action by the Commission on City Manager.

OCTOBER 17, 1949 - COUNCIL MEETING: Mayor Hunt gave a report for the City Manager Commission, which recommended appointing a City Manager that was a registered graduate engineer, non-resident of El Cajon, with administrative experience to be personnel head of all departments (except the City Clerk, City Attorney

and Engineer). The Salary was to be \$6,000 annually, and a majority of the Council would be required for appointment and a 4/5 vote to dismiss. The contract was to be for one year. All Council voted in favor except Council Member Kenyon and the matter was held over to the next meeting for the Council to gather whatever information possible at the convention (A the League of California Cities Conference) and the City Attorney was to bring back the Code covering appointments of the City Manager and City Administrator.

DECEMBER 5, 1949 - COUNCIL MEETING: The City Attorney was instructed to draw up an Ordinance appointing the City Manager for the City of El Cajon. – The vote was unanimous. On JANUARY 3, 1950, \$628.34 was transferred in the Budget for the City Manager salary and on JANUARY 9, the first reading of the City Manager Ordinance was accomplished and the Ordinance adopted on FEBRUARY 6, 1950 (Ordinance No. 272).

FEBRUARY 20, 1950 - COUNCIL MEETING: The City Clerk was instructed to put an Ad in the Western Cities Magazine (League of California Cities) for a City Manager.

MAY 10, 1950 - COUNCIL MEETING: Council adopted resolution No. 881 to hire B. J. Noden as City Manager, and fixing a salary and expenses.

<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>City Manager</u>
May 1950 – 1958	B.J. NODEN
June 30, 1958 – August 26, 1958	C.M. HOBSON Acting City Manager
September 2, 1958 – July 1982	ROBERT APPLGATE
1982 – 1996	ROBERT ACKER
February 27, 1996 – September 2004	BILL GARRETT
September 2004 – March 2012	KATHI HENRY
March 2012 – Present	DOUGLAS WILLIFORD



El Cajon Arch, Lighting Ceremony June 2, 2009

HISTORY OF CITY ATTORNEYS

Years of Service

November 27, 1912 - March 4, 1914

June 1, 1914 - May 18, 1915

May 15, 1916 - June 12, 1918

June 12, 1918

September 5, 1922 - August 1, 1933

August 1, 1933

October 21, 1935 - August 1, 1938

August 1, 1938 - June 11, 1945

June 11, 1945 - June 18, 1945

City Attorney

LESTER WELSH

Appointed by the Board of Trustees at a fixed rate of \$15 per month. He was also a Notary Public.

J. T. REED

at an allowance not to exceed \$300 per year

C. C. CROUCH

(Council considered 4 names)
The City Clerk was instructed to notify Mr. Crouch of his selection.

MARCUS W. ROBINS

employed at the rate of \$10 per month with understanding the Board could discontinue his services. City Clerk's salary was \$25 per month.

P.S. THACHER

Salary \$75 per year

DECLARED VACANT

W. H. JENNINGS

Resigned 8/1/1938

LESTER PENRY

Resigned 6/11/45

JACOB WEINBERGER

\$100 per month – He declined to accept the appointment and the office was declared vacant

June 21, 1945 - November 5, 1945

H. B. DANIEL

Appointed - Requested to submit his resignation by 10/31/1945.
Resignation accepted 11/5/1945.

November 5, 1945 - August 15, 1946

CRAWFORD R. BONTER

Appointed – Resigned 8/15/1946.

August 15, 1946 - December 5, 1955

DON STEWART

Appointed at \$350 per month plus court appearances. 2/5/1955 - A Minute of silence was observed in memory of Don Stewart at the request of Mayor Steele.

December 5, 1955 - September 28, 1959

F. JOSEPH DOERR

Appointed City Attorney \$400 per month.
Doerr Assist. City Attorney-Thomas G. Duffy
9/28/59-Joseph Doerr resigned to be a Judge, El Cajon Municipal Court.

September 28, 1959 - January 2, 1968

THOMAS DUFFY

Appointed Acting City Attorney
Appointed City Attorney
10/15/1959 - Donald Smith, Assist. City Attorney
Resigned 1/2/1968
William C. Shifflet resigned
as Assist. City Attorney

January 2, 1968 - June 30, 2000

LYNN MCDUGAL

Appointed City Attorney
Donald L. Meloche appointed as
Assistant City Attorney

July 1, 2000 - Present

MORGAN FOLEY

Appointed as City Attorney



City Hall, 2012

HISTORY OF CITY CLERKS

When El Cajon was incorporated in 1912, the City Clerk was an elected official, along with City Treasurer and the City Council Members. At the April 14, 1970 General Municipal Election, a ballot proposition was successful to appoint rather than elect the positions of City Clerk and City Treasurer.

Years of Service

City Clerk

1912 – 1916

LEE T. MEACHUM

Elected 11/12/1912

Re-elected 1914 - 1916

Resigned 4/11/1918

1918 – 1920

LOUESA E. STARR

Appointed by Council

members 4/11/1918

Resigned

1921

ANNIE STANSFIELD

Appointed and Resigned

1921 – 1938

CHARLES RICHARDSON

Appointed by Council members 1/3/1921

Elected 1922, 24, 26, 30, 31, 34, 36

1938

JEANETTE HINKLE

Elected 4/19/1938 – Resigned 8/1/1938

1938 – 1940

IONA WOLTERS

Appointed by Council members 8/1/1938

1940 – 1941

ERNEST BREITSCPRECKER

Elected 4/19/40

Resigned

1941

ROY L. ROSS

Appointed by

Council members 2/3/1941

Resigned

HISTORY OF CITY CLERKS

1941 – 1951

VICTOR CHRISTENSEN

Appointed by Council members 7/21/41
Elected 1942, 44, 46, 48, 50
Resigned 10/1951

1951 – 1969

DELIGHT SWAIN

Appointed by Council members 10/51
Elected 1952, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62, 64, 66, 68
Resigned 5/5/1969

1969 – 1981

MILDRED HENSLEY (KENNEL)

Appointed by Council members 5/5/69
Remained in office after 1970 Election
making City Clerk appointed
rather than elected.

1981

HELEN SEELING

Appointed 12/81 by City Manager
Bob Applegate
Retired 9/1982

1982 – 2004

MARILYNN LINN

Appointed 9/82 by City Manager
Robert Acker
Retired 12/30/2004

2005 – Present

KATHIE RUTLEDGE

Appointed 3/2005 by City Manager
Kathi Henry



City Council Meeting, 2012



Police Station, Dedicated November 12, 2011

HISTORY OF POLICE CHIEFS

When El Cajon was incorporated in 1912, the City Officials appointed Marshals, a practice that continued until 1931 when the first Police Chief was appointed. When the Council/Manager form of Government was instituted, thereafter the Police Chief was appointed by the City Manager.

Years of Service

Police Chief

1913	L. J. TRUE AND J.A. MCKINNON Two Deputy Marshals appointed.
1914	GEORGE ALGIER appointed Marshall and David Knowles appointed Deputy (13 hr days/\$3 a day)
1918	M.D. BLISS Appointed City Marshal and Tax Collector
1921	F.O. BUTLER Appointed temporary Marshal
1925	FRANK JENNINGS appointed Deputy Marshal to serve 100 hours a month for \$75 a month.
1926 – 1927	ANDY MOLLINS Appointed City Marshal
1931 – 1936	EDWARD W. MENKE Appointed the First Chief of Police
1937 – 1941	EDWARD CARTWRIGHT Appointed Chief of Police
1942	FRED H. PARROTT

HISTORY OF POLICE CHIEFS

1943 - 1944	REX HUFFMAN FRED H. PARROTT
1946 – 1951	REX HUFFMAN
1951	JOSEPH C. O’CONNOR
1963 – 1981	WALLACE A. DART
1981 – 1989	DARWIN R. SINCLAIR
1989 – 1995	JACK G. SMITH
1995 – 2000	ROBERT R. MOREAU
2000 – 2004	JAMES R. DAVIS
2005 – 2007	CLIFFORD DIAMOND
2008 – 2011	PAT SPRECCO
2011 – Present	JIM REDMAN



Police Officers, 1950's



Fire Apparatus, 2012

HISTORY OF FIRE CHIEFS

Years of Service

Fire Chief

1923 – 1933

REXFORD HALL

1933 – 1937

L.J. MCCOSKEY

1937 – 1970

RAYMOND HALGREN

1970 – 1980

THOMAS OWEN

1980 – 1988

ROGER HOUSE

1988 – 1993

ROBERT HITCHENS

1993 – 1996

RICHARD HARDY

1996 – 2002

RICHARD HENRY

2002 – 2005

ED JARRELL

2005 – 2012

MIKE SCOTT

2012 – Present

RICK SITTA



View from Grossmont Hill, 2010

POPULATIONS

<u>Year</u>	<u>Population</u>
1912	APPROXIMATELY 200
1920 Census	469
1930 Census	1,050
1940 Census	1,471
1950 Census	5,600
1960 Census	37,618
1970 Census	52,273
1980 Census	73,892
1990 Census	88,693
2000 Census	94,869
2010 Census	99,478
2012 Estimate	100,116