



Gary Oddi

Community Services Commission

City of Temecula

Biography:

Gary Oddi and his wife Debi have been married for 43 years, and have been residents of Temecula for 32 years, where they raised their three daughters. In his own words, “We are now enjoying being with our grandchildren here in Temecula!”.

Gary’s career consisted of 42 years in education as a teacher, administrator, and college instructor. Of the 42 years in education, 27 years were served in the Temecula Valley Unified School District. Gary taught in the areas of Special Education, History and World Cultures, Science, Physical Education, and Behavioral Science. In Temecula, he was an administrator at Margarita Middle School, Temecula Elementary School, Nicolas Valley Elementary School, Jackson Elementary School, and Great Oak High School. His most recent assignments were served as the Athletic Director at Great Oak High School and AP, IB, and Sport Psychology Teacher, also at Great Oak High School. Along the way, he gathered experience coaching multiple sports, including tee ball, youth soccer, high school basketball, and college basketball. Gary was also an Adjunct Sport Psychology Instructor for the Concordia University Master’s of Sport Administration Program.

Currently, Gary is a certified trainer for the Positive Coaching Alliance. He has trained coaches, parents, and students how to utilize sport as a means for learning life lessons and how a positive approach can make athletes better people overall.

Gary is also currently volunteering as the Director of the Murrieta Creek Regional Trail Four Cities Planning Team and as the President of Bike Temecula Valley, a bicycle coalition. In these two positions, he is dedicated to the health, well-being, and quality of life for our community. Both groups support programs and infrastructure projects that will provide safe trails, walking routes, and active transportation options that will encourage and enhance a more active and healthy lifestyle.

Commissioner Oddi concludes with, “Temecula has given me and my family so much throughout the years, it is an honor to continue to serve our city as a Community Services Commissioner!”.

