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BUSTER D. JOHNSON SUPERVISOR DISTRICT 3

Biography

Supervisor Buster Johnson was first elected to office in 1996 and is currently serving his sixth term as Mohave County Supervisor for District III in the State of Arizona. Supervisor Johnson served in the U.S. Army, he's a retired L.A. County Sheriff's Deputy, and a retired private business owner.

As well as serving as the District III Supervisor, Johnson also has served on various local, state and federal boards. Supervisor Johnson is the first elected official from Mohave County to have served as President of the Arizona Association of Counties (AACo). AACo represents each Arizona county and its elected officials by serving as a liaison to the Arizona State Legislature, United States Congress, other governmental agencies, the media and the public.

Johnson is currently chairman of the Quadstate Local Government Authority which is a joint authority established between Arizona, California, Nevada, and Utah. The Authority was organized to provide a multicounty voice on federal natural resource management and public lands issues primarily in the Mojave Desert region. The Quadstate Coalition encompasses over 50,000 square miles in the Southwest.

Supervisor Johnson also Co-chairs the Arizona/Utah Economic Development Coalition. The coalition was established to engage the Interior Secretary and his employees in the coordination process required by the Federal Land Policy Management Act and the National Environmental Policy Act. As co-chair of the coalition, he has testified in Washington D.C. on the economic impact to Mohave County and the surrounding areas of allowing uranium mining near the Arizona Strip.

Johnson currently serves as Vice Chairman of NACo's Information Technology Standing Committee and is also a member of NACo's Public Lands Steering Committee. At a local level, Johnson is Vice Chair of Lake Havasu's Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) which provides open leadership and guidance for regional transportation planning through a cooperative effort with state and local officials. Johnson also serves as Vice Chair for the Mohave County Public Safety Retirement Board and Chairman of the Mohave County Correction Office Retirement Plan.

Throughout the years Supervisor Johnson has been involved in numerous causes. One of which is the fight to protect the women and children of Colorado City, Arizona. He has brought national attention to the issue of Polygamy happening in the state of Arizona and surrounding areas. Supervisor Johnson has opposed any legislation in favor of polygamist acts by testifying in Phoenix on the abuse. He traveled to Texas to give his expert opinion on the FLDS church and polygamy. He has also appeared in many documentaries on the topic. Supervisor Johnson has assisted in the rescue of families from Colorado City, prosecution of offenders and has assisted in relief efforts to help those that have escaped.

Supervisor Johnson has also worked with constituents to: oppose demand charges being imposed by Unisource Electric, to oppose the closure of the lake by the Fish and Wildlife, to oppose the dumping of effluent waste water into Lake Mead, to bring a new public library to Lake Havasu City, to build a new senior center in Lake Havasu City, to remodel the senior center in Golden Shores, Az, to oppose Unisource/Citizens rate hikes, to get business tax credits and government assistance, and has brought in hundreds of millions of dollars in Economic Development with the development of Griffith Energy, the Private Prison, North Star Steel, and other businesses and development.