

Biography

Councilman Luker graduated from Perris High School where he was selected as CIF Student-Athlete of the Year. He continued his education at the University of California, Riverside where he was a member of the Native American Student Association. Luker played baseball for the Highlanders and was selected as an all-conference player in 1997. At UCR, he obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry. Councilman Luker later obtained his teaching credential from Chapman University.

Before beginning his service at Pechanga, Luker started his professional career as a teacher at Perris High School where he taught biology, physical science and honors chemistry. He also served as a varsity coach for baseball, softball, football and cross country.

Councilman Luker continues a long-standing family tradition of public service to the Pechanga Band of Indians. His grandmother, Germaine Arenas, served as chairwoman of the Pechanga Cultural Resources Committee and his mother, Christine Luker, served as the Pechanga Tribal Treasurer for 10 years. His uncles Daniel Pico and Gabriel Pico served as Tribal Chairman for the Pechanga Band. His aunt Marie Russell served on the Tribal Council for many years and his uncle Norman Pico served as Chairman of the Tribal Gaming Commissioner for Pechanga.

Councilman Luker started his service to the tribe in 2002. He was hired as the purchasing manager for the Pechanga Tribal Government. He drafted the Pechanga procurement manual which was later approved by the Tribal Council and the Tribe's General Membership.

Councilman Luker was first elected to the Pechanga Tribal Council in 2004. Councilman Luker's prior teaching experience has shaped his interest and commitment to enhance the educational programs for Pechanga tribal children. His hopes to see a Tribal elementary school built on the Pechanga Indian Reservation is coming true and due to open the Fall of 2025. "Our youth and their education are a great concern to me," Luker says. "I understand the value of a quality school and productive after-school programs for our kids. We have the opportunity to give our kids the very best."

In addition, Councilman Luker takes a great interest in ensuring that state-wide and nation-wide education programs reflect the true history and stories of Indian people. In 2006, Councilman Luker was selected by California State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Jack O'Connell, to serve on the American Indian Education Oversight Committee, whose main purpose is to provide input and advice to the Superintendent on all aspects of American Indian education programs established by the State. He continues to serve on this committee.

Councilman Luker also plays a key role in representing the Tribe on water issues. Luker was appointed to serve as the Tribe's representative on the Santa Margarita River Watershed Steering Committee. Councilman Luker is also the Tribal representative to

the Wolf Valley Ground Water Management Agreement's Technical Committee. Luker has been closely involved in efforts to improve the water quality on the Pechanga Reservation. He has also worked to preserve the availability of ground water supply, increase the use of recycled water, and help to enact the tribe's first Recycled Water Ordinance. He believes water is a critical natural resource that must be preserved and protected.

In February of 2009, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger appointed Councilman Luker to the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board. One of the roles of the Board is to make critical water quality decisions for the region, including setting standards, issuing waste discharge requirements, determining compliance with those requirements, and taking appropriate enforcement actions. Another responsibility of this Board is to ensure surface waters are safe for drinking, fishing, swimming, and support healthy ecosystems and other beneficial uses. He served on the water board from 2009 to 2011.

In 2011, Marc worked at Pechanga Resort and Casino. Between 2011 and 2014, Marc worked in the Finance Department, Marketing Department, Player Development and Golf Operations.

Since being re-elected in 2014, Councilman Luker has focused on improving infrastructure on the Pechanga Indian Reservation. He worked to bring high speed internet to residents on the Pechanga Indian Reservation. Councilman Luker also worked with the Council to develop a home loan program for tribal citizens living on the Pechanga Indian Reservation. He continues to work on infrastructure projects such as tribal housing, residential solar and storage project, Indian Health Clinic, a sports park that includes a skate park and splash pad, and permanent pre-K to 5th grade school.

In 2008, 2016, 2020 and 2024 Councilman Luker was selected as a delegate for the California Republican Party for the National Republican Convention.

One of Councilman Luker's passion is coaching youth sports. He values the lessons taught in team sports. Lessons like hard work, communication and a positive learning environment to accomplishing a common goal are lessons that last a life time. In Temecula, he coaches recreation sports that include baseball, softball and flag football. From 2021 to 2023, Councilman Luker served on the Temecula Valley Girls Softball Association's Board. He held positions President, Vice President and Board member at large. In 2020, 2021 and 2022 Councilman Luker was selected to be the manager for the league's all-stars team.

Councilman Luker is married to Kaiini Luker and has three sons and two daughters. Councilman Luker has lived with his family on the Pechanga Indian reservation for the last 20 years.