

## Mike Goodsell Biography

Having lived in Holtville most of my life, it's been my pleasure to serve on the City Council for the last fifteen years. I attended Holtville schools beginning with kindergarten at Finley Elementary when I was four years old. At the age of seventeen, I graduated from Holtville High School in 1975. I worked for the Imperial Irrigation District for thirteen years as a Zanjero and Water Clerk before going back to school at Imperial Valley College and then transferring to San Diego State where I earned my bachelor's degree in English. I began teaching in 1995 as a substitute around the valley before taking a position with Grace Lutheran School in El Centro for two years teaching a combined 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade class. In 1998, Holtville Unified School District hired me to teach at the high school. Aside from a two-year hiatus teaching at Brawley High School, I have spent most of my 27-year career teaching at my alma mater. I did teach night courses for a few years at Imperial Valley College as well. I have been involved in teaching bible classes and leading congregational singing at Trinity Baptist Church for many years. My love for Holtville has grown throughout the years. Consequently, in 2010, I decided to run for the City Council to give back to the community that's blessed me so much. I have been re-elected four times consecutively and have taken on additional roles and responsibilities countywide and beyond during my tenure with the city. I now serve on governing boards for the Imperial County Transportation Commission, the Imperial County Airport Land Use Commission, the Southern California Association of Governments, and the California Council of Governments. I'm proud of the work we do on Holtville's City Council and very much enjoy serving with the others on this governing body. I especially like the fact that we not only start our meetings with The Pledge of Allegiance to our country's great flag, but we also offer thankful prayers for the opportunity to serve our community while invoking God's presence and asking His blessing at those meetings.