

Stephen Whitburn is running for the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, District 4. The five incumbent supervisors have each held office for at least 16 years and are not responding effectively to the changing needs of our region. We need new ideas and solutions, not politics as usual.

Stephen is an award-winning journalist, long-time community advocate, and spokesperson for the American Red Cross. He worked for 18 years as a reporter and news director, winning the statewide award for best breaking news coverage three years in a row and winning a six-state award for best newscast. He covered local government extensively and saw firsthand the need for elected officials who stand up for what's right.



Stephen grew up in Texas in a small town with a large Spanish-speaking population. His father was a college professor, and both parents instilled in their children the importance of being active in one's community. In college, Stephen majored in both Spanish language and Latin-American Studies. His fluency in the language led to his work as a public health liaison to the Latino community in San Diego.

As a member of the North Park Planning Committee, Stephen worked hard to address the problem of increasing crime, boost the supply of affordable housing, and promote neighborhood businesses. He is outspoken in his belief that we need our County government to do a far better job of managing and targeting our government resources.

## Stephen's Platform

As a member of the Board of Supervisors, Stephen will:

- **Create Jobs in San Diego.** Unbelievably, the County failed to apply for millions in economic stimulus money. Stephen will ensure support for job training and hiring opportunities that boost our economy and keep people off welfare.
- **Improve County Fire Protection.** Years of ignoring our fire protection needs means that fires keep burning right into our urban areas. Stephen will work with local fire agencies to end this critical problem.
- **End County Slush Funds and Acceptance of Gifts.** Stephen will make spending decisions openly and with full public input. He will end the supervisors' \$2 million political slush funds, and he will not accept gifts of any kind.

