

About John McCann

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Mayor John McCann, a lifelong Chula Vista resident, is a decorated Iraq War veteran and successful small-business owner. McCann's solution-oriented approach prioritizes public safety, neighborhood improvements, decreasing traffic congestion, and support of local businesses.

McCann was raised in a working-class family by a single mother who worked at the Rohr/Goodrich Aerospace Factory. He attended Bonita Vista High School and earned a Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree in Economics at San Diego State University, and worked at the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office.

McCann's championship of public safety has moved the City of Chula Vista to a Top 10 Safest City with a population of over 200,000 in the United States. McCann's leadership has increased the number of police officers from under 200 officers to over 260 officers city wide. Under McCann's guidance, Chula Vista has doubled the number of police patrols, implemented police body-worn cameras (increasing transparency), implemented a new GPS police dispatch system (to alert the closest unit available to respond), championed the new Drone System, and instituted the Live 911 system, giving officers real time information for more effective and faster responses. He also helped create the Homeless Outreach Team program to assist homeless getting off the streets and transition into a better life.

McCann has prioritized neighborhood infrastructure improvements by expediting street resurfacing, pothole repairs, and park improvements. McCann has helped organize (and participate in) several community cleanups – I Love Chula Vista and Beautify Chula Vista – where community members have taken pride in improving their neighborhoods.

McCann has worked vigorously to decrease the city of Chula Vista's traffic congestion, resulting in the improvement of the quality of life for many working

families. He worked to coordinate traffic signals for enhanced traffic flow and pedestrian safety; and assisted in lowering the SR-125 tolls and advocated the refinancing of SR-125, decreasing the time that it will remain a toll road.

McCann continues to serve his country as a full Commander in the United States Navy Reserves. McCann joined the U.S. Navy as an enlisted member and was later commissioned as a Naval Officer. He was mobilized to serve “boots on the ground” in Mosul, Iraq, during the War in Iraq.

As a successful small-business owner, McCann has worked to streamline permitting processes to support local businesses and make Chula Vista a small-business-friendly city. McCann supports the Chula Vista Bayfront Master Plan and the Millenia Master Plan Project that will support thousands of high-paying professional jobs.

McCann is a consummate community volunteer. He has served on the Board of Directors for the South Bay YMCA, the Chula Vista Boys & Girls Club, AYSO youth soccer, and the Bonitafest Committee. In 2008, McCann was awarded the San Diego County Local Elected Official of the Year and has been selected in the Star News reader poll as one of the best South Bay elected officials multiple times.

McCann and his wife, Myssie, raised their children and, now, grandson in Chula Vista and have two dogs