



County of Ventura

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Honoring
Judge Steven Hintz

1st Annual Bill Wilson Award for Taxpayer Excellence

Whereas, Judge Steven Hintz was elected to serve the residents of the County of Ventura in 2010 as the Treasurer-Tax Collector, and being reelected to three consecutive terms; and

Whereas, prior to being elected County Treasurer-Tax Collector, Judge Steven Hintz was one of the longest-serving judges in Ventura County serving for more than 35 years, after being appointed to a seat on the Municipal Court in 1982 by then Governor Edmund G. Brown, and retiring as a judge on June 25, 2007; and

Whereas, Steven Hintz graduated from U.C. Berkeley's Boalt Hall School of Law, spent his first four years as a lawyer serving in the Navy's Judge Advocate General's Corps. Steven Hintz joined the Ventura County District Attorney's Office, where he soon found himself cross-examining defendants and delivering closing arguments in a variety of criminal cases, developing an expertise in arson prosecutions, writing two authoritative guides to investigating and prosecuting arsonists, and moving into management after a short time, supervising the Juvenile and Misdemeanor units for two years, before being appointed to the bench; and

Whereas, Judge Hintz quickly earned the respect of the local legal community in his new role, the Trial Lawyers Association of Ventura County named Hintz the "Judge of the Year" in 1984 and 1988, and was reelected by voters to the Municipal Court three times; and

Whereas, in recognition of his management skills, his fellow judges chose Judge Hintz to be the Assistant Presiding Judge of the Municipal Court in 1987, and the following year tapped him to be the Presiding Judge; and

Whereas, Judge Hintz joined the Superior Court in 1998, where he won yet another term in 2002; and

Whereas, Judge Hintz had a life-long love of history, law and teaching, he informed and entertained generations of future lawyers, police officers and judges during the many courses he taught at the McGeorge College of Law, California Lutheran University, Saddleback College, Moorpark College, Ventura College, the Ventura County Sheriff's Academy, the Center for Judicial Education and Research, and as a faculty member of the Ventura College of Law from 1985 to 2004, where he taught Constitutional Law and Criminal Procedure, as well as the History of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Whereas, Steven Hintz was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota in 1947, and is the son of an Army artillery officer who saw combat in the Pacific during World War II and in the Korean War;

Whereas, Steven Hintz graduated from high school in Oklahoma in 1964 before heading to San Diego State, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 1968; and

Whereas, Hintz is a life member of the U.S. Naval Institute, the National Rifle Association, the Navy League, and the California State Rail Museum Foundation, where he served on the Rail Museum Foundation's board of directors, and also the Foundation's chief financial officer; and

Whereas, the Ventura County Taxpayers Foundation selected Judge Steven Hintz to receive the First Annual Bill Wilson Award for Taxpayer Excellence at their Annual Dinner celebrating taxpayers at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library on September 13, 2023; and

Now therefore be it resolved, by the Members of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Ventura that it joins the Ventura County Taxpayers Foundation in recognizing Judge Hintz for his service to the residents of Ventura County as former Treasurer-Tax Collector, Superior Court Judge, Deputy District Attorney and community volunteer.

Presented on this day the 13th Day of September 2023

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