



**HI, I'M DAVE MYERS!** My campaign is about creating a new narrative for law enforcement that begins with transparency and accountability in all areas, including reporting truthful crime stats, acknowledging skyrocketing rates of inmate violence and self-harm in our jails, addressing our escalating opioid and fentanyl addiction crisis, advocacy of mental health care and long-term drug treatment over incarceration, implementing body worn cameras, and laying the foundation for positive engagement and respect between Deputies and our youth. There is much more that needs to change, but it starts with restoring transparency, accountability and community trust to the San Diego Sheriff's Department.

Serving in law enforcement for 35 years has been one of the greatest honors and privileges of my life. Protecting our communities and providing assistance to those in need has and will always be my passion. I started out first as a Carlsbad police officer and then as a San Diego County Sheriff's Deputy. I worked my way up the ranks to the rank of Commander before retiring in 2018. During my law enforcement career, I served in almost every division within the Sheriff's Department, from serving as a detentions (jails) deputy to a Commander responsible for patrol stations and their law enforcement operations.

I am a recipient of the San Diego Sheriff's Department's Medal for Lifesaving, and the Blue Knight Award for exceptional service to the community and law enforcement. In addition to my law enforcement work, I served for 15 years as a trustee of the San Diego County Employees' Retirement Association, Vice-Chair of the County of San Diego LGBT and Allies Group, Board Board President of the YES Program, a non-profit organization centered in Barrio Logan focused on at-risk youth. I also currently serve as a Board Member for a local non-profit, Community Advocates for Just and Moral Governance (MOGO). I consider one of my most meaningful accomplishments to be the formation of the Sheriff's Office Youth Advisory Group to directly hear from the youth of our communities about their concerns and aspirations and to cultivate a culture of mutual respect and support.

Over the course of my law enforcement career, I have seen major shifts in law enforcement principles, strategies, and practices, but the one enduring constant for sustainable, safe communities is trust between our residents and our law enforcement agencies. I am asking for your support to be the next Sheriff of San Diego County because we badly need a Department that is COMPETENT in performing its basic law enforcement duties and because we need to rebuild the COMMUNITY TRUST that has been eroded over the last decade. It is not enough to just say, "We must do better". It is imperative that we actually start to do something about increasing violent crimes, the growing mistrust between law enforcement and communities of color, outdated policing tactics and policies, and a lack of transparency and accountability from the Sheriff.