



## Mayor and City Council

*Honoring and celebrating the people who make El Cajon the Valley of Opportunity*

November 5, 2013

I have known Mayor Mark Lewis for sixteen years and consider him both a friend and a colleague. The Mayor's 23 years as a Councilmember and our Mayor have been filled with many accomplishments on behalf of our community, several of which he mentioned in his recent letter of resignation, such as El Cajon's downtown resurgence, our overall economic stability and continued balanced budgets, and our progress in citywide economic development. Over his many years of service to this community, the Mayor has played a key role in these and many other accomplishments.

Nevertheless, his remarks earlier this year regarding certain members of our community were totally inappropriate and should not have been said. While Mark will always be my friend, I don't agree with or support his remarks in any way.

I have been closely involved with and, in several cases, taken the lead in many important issues within our community, such as the ordinances that recently placed greater restrictions on the selling of tobacco and alcohol products in El Cajon. These ordinances serve to protect our youth and businesses from those who would market such products in a manner that is against the law. Both ordinances have received substantial support from all sectors of our community. I will continue to work hard to move El Cajon forward in a positive manner to make this City the best place it can possibly be for all of our citizens, regardless of their race, creed, color or national origin.

Every single person in this town deserves to be supported and represented by the City Council and I have been committed to doing this since I started on the City Council in 2002. I will continue to be committed to this goal into the future.

Sincerely,

Gary Kendrick,  
El Cajon Councilmember