

## *Biography*

### **Curt Emick**

Curt Emick, Mayor of the Town of Apple Valley, and strong advocate for drug policy reform, is currently serving his third term on the Apple Valley Town Council. Born in San Gabriel, California, Curt and his wife Val, have called the Victor Valley home for over 30 years.



Accepted at the University of the Pacific School of Pharmacy, Curt obtained a Doctor of Pharmacy Degree and worked as a pharmacist in several offices until opening his own Pharmacy in 1986. Curt's work kept him in the high desert where he worked diligently as the "local" Pharmacist. Curt was well known, not only for his strong work ethic, but his genuine demeanor and smile used to greet everyone who entered his store. In 2003, Curt sold his private practice and went back to corporate America working for Walgreens and later opening the Victor Valley's first Super Target pharmacy in Apple Valley, California. As the Executive Team Lead, Curt served as the Pharmacy Manager from 2007 to 2013.

In 2010, Curt's passion for his community deepened and he ran for a seat on the Apple Valley Town Council pledging to work hard to protect taxpayers and more importantly, to keep the community safe. He was elected to the Apple Valley Town Council in November 2010 and re-elected in 2014 and 2018. He is now serving his second term as Mayor. Curt is known for being intelligent and diligent, but his standout qualities are his uncanny ability to delve into difficult issues while maintaining complete understanding to reach a decision. Curt uses that talent not only on the Council dais, but while serving on numerous boards and commissions for Apple Valley including the High Desert Corridor Joint Powers Authority, the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District, Victor Valley Economic Development Authority, and the Victor Valley Transit Authority. He is also past member of the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority.

Curt is a champion for the pharmacy industry and its impact on local government. In 2013 he became an independent contractor/consultant providing services for independent pharmacies. He has used his skillset in this industry to collaborate with Federal, State and Local officials expressing concerns faced in today's environment. He has traveled throughout the state of California and Washington, DC to educate on Drug and Opiate issues and has lectured numerous organizations, including governing boards, City/Town Councils, medical organizations, military organizations and many non-profits on these issues and the threats that affect our communities. Curt has been key in examining legislation, providing insight, and fighting for positive change. Recognizing the relationship between drug addiction and homelessness, Curt created the High Desert Intervention Action Coalition working with over 40 stakeholders who meet and discuss local homelessness concerns, its correlation with mental health and drug abuse, as well as developing strategies to address them. Curt's foresight in this endeavor allowed multiple agencies to come together under one roof in Apple Valley to discuss problems and develop solutions. Curt is also an active Board Member of the San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership Desert Regional Steering Committee.

Through his work, Curt has brought an unprecedented level of investment in our citizens and the role that they play in our community.

Curt's community involvement include membership in the Sunrise Rotary Club, Excelsior Education Center, Board Member for No Drugs America, and Past member of the Kiwanis Club.

Curt and Val have 4 children and 10 grandchildren. They are members of the High Desert Church, Victorville CA.