

## **Martin J. Chávez**

Mayor

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Albuquerque native Martin J. Chávez earned a Bachelor's Degree from the University of New Mexico and a Juris Doctorate from Georgetown. He was the founding Director of the Workers' Compensation Administration in 1986, and from 1989 to 1993 served in the New Mexico State Senate, where he championed legislative initiatives including early voting, ethics reform, urban forestry and workers compensation.

From 1993 through 1997, Chávez served as Mayor of Albuquerque in a term that featured a city-wide clean up, lower crime rates and the construction of the long-sought Montañño Bridge. Chávez also initiated a highly successful water conservation campaign and led the fight to protect Kirtland Air Force Base from closure.

Since returning to the Mayor's Office in 2001, Chávez has restored fiscal discipline and supported well-planned growth, rebuilt the public safety infrastructure and broken ground on an historic surface water project that puts Albuquerque's long range prospects on a par with those of every other major city in the country.

In addition, Albuquerque now enjoys national prominence in a number of studies and reports for factors ranging from business climate to cultural amenities. American Style, Forbes and Inc. magazines, USA Today and the Milken Institute's Best Performing Cities Index are just a few of the publications spotlighting the good in Albuquerque.

Going forward, Mayor Martin Chávez plans to further improvements to public safety, build on environmental sustainability initiatives such as modern street-car, and further support one of the nation's fastest urban revitalizations. He also has upgraded the Balloon and Bio Parks, restored historic Tingley Beach and brought the amazing Explora Museum to Old Town.

Further, Chávez has expanded partnerships with public education, and initiated social services reforms to effectively serve the most vulnerable in our community, from the mentally ill and the homeless to those faced with the specter of domestic violence and substance abuse issues.

The Chávez vision is one of an attractive and exciting city where everyone feels safe and where young people can realize their personal dreams and professional aspirations without ever having to leave Albuquerque.



## Jim Patterson Biography

Mr. Patterson is the former 2-term Mayor of Fresno serving from May 11, 1993 to January 2, 2001.

Jim is a 25-year business and broadcast executive. He has owned and operated radio stations in California and Idaho. He is a frequent talk show host on KMJ News/Talk 580.

Mr. Patterson is a *Summa Cum Laude* graduate of California State University, Fresno, and holds a Bachelors Degree in Political Science.

As Mayor of Fresno, Jim led the city through some difficult times to significant improvements. Mr. Patterson added nearly 300 police officers to the force without raising taxes. As a result, Fresno enjoyed a near 70% reduction in crime (to a 25 year low). Jim streamlined the city's business practices that lead to record new business development (over a billion dollars of new construction permits were issued in his last two years in office). He initiated a dramatic \$50 million airport improvement plan now completed that has led to improved air service. He also significantly improved the city's local and national reputation that culminated in Fresno's designation as an All America City in 2000.

Mr. Patterson is the recipient of the California Commendation Medal, Military Department of the State of California, an honor normally reserved for military personnel, for leadership and coordination of special activities with the California Air National Guard.

Jim has been married to wife Sharon for 40 years. They have three children, BJ (35), Jason (27) and Lindsay (23).

Mr. Patterson is President & CEO of Jim Patterson Consulting Services, providing full service government, business, broadcast, public relations and public policy consultation to select clients.