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Personal

Birthdate: July 25, 1942 (age 81)

Birthplace: Albuquerque, NM (Barelas)

Parents: Tiodoro Flores, born in Mexico, laborer (deceased)

Lucy Lucero, born in La Joya, NM, homemaker (deceased)

Marital status: Single

Children: Karrie Lee Martinez (Deceased at 8 1/2), Susan Martinez Lee, Counselor
in private practice, Ventura, CA

Grandchildren: Jacob Martinez Lee, Megan, Jared

Education

1978 Community College Instructor Credential: Lathing & Business &
Industrial Management

1972 Bachelor of Arts, University of California at Santa Barbara, CA
Double Major: Political Science and Sociology

1960-62 Santa Barbara City College, Santa Barbara, CA

1956-60 Carpinteria High School, Carpinteria, CA

Business & Professional Experience (Construction, Real Estate, Restaurant, Union)

1994- 2011 Owner - Chileo's Mexican Restaurant, Ruidoso

1979- present Owner - Leo Martinez Lathing and Plastering
Contractor licensed in New Mexico.

1979- present Owner - Leo Martinez Rentals (commercial & residential),
Ruidoso, NM

1997- 1999 Owner - Chileo's Mexican Restaurant, Alamogordo, NM

1979- 1992 Owner - Leo Martinez Lathing and Plastering
Contractor licensed in California & New Mexico

1967-1979 Business Agent, Secretary-Treasurer, Lathers Local Union #379
Represented members in negotiations with management; maintained union
finances; represented members on the Health and Welfare Pension Trust
Fund Board; began at age 25 1960-1962

1960-1962 Ambulance Driver and EMT at American Ambulance Service in Santa Barbara, California

1958-1967 Lather by trade; began at age 15

Government Experience

State: California State Commission on Boating and Waterways, Chair (1980-85), member (1977-1985)

County: Lincoln County Commissioner, 1999- 2004

City: City Council, Santa Barbara, CA, 1973-1977. Elected at age 29. Only Hispanic elected to City Council in the 20th century. In a city of 73,000 and with a city budget of \$24 million, was individually responsible for introducing new procedures into public works projects which saved city millions of dollars. Also responsible for Population Growth Study (1975) by the Univ. of Calif. at Santa Barbara.

Appointments by Governors:

1999 Appointed Lincoln County Commissioner by Governor Gary Johnson, Nov. 1999; thereafter elected to serve District 3 by 2/3 of the voters

1977 Appointed to California State Commission on Boating and Waterways by Governor Jerry Brown, Jr.

Candidacies:

Federal: Candidate, US Congress, 2nd Congressional district, 2004

State: Candidate, New Mexico Legislature, 2005

Community Involvement

2013-present Co-Chairman with Barry Capello-Committee for District Elections, Santa Barbara- Which were successful

2000- 2004 Eastern New Mexico Workforce Development Board member

1999- 2003 League of United Latin American Citizens, Lincoln County Council #8084, Co-founder and past president

- 1997- 2008 Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce member
- 1990- 2008 Lincoln County Home Builder's Association, member, Ruidoso, NM
- 1982- present Alto Lakes Country Club member, Alto, NM
- 1997-1999 Alamogordo Chamber of Commerce member
- 1991-1998 Citizens for a Balanced Community, Board of Directors,
Santa Barbara, CA
1990. Co chairman with Barry Cappello-Committee for District Elections, Chair,
Santa Barbara, CA
1994. Committee for Fighting Back (Initiative against Alcohol and Drug
Abuse), member, Santa Barbara, CA
1992. Greater Eastside Merchants, member, Santa Barbara, CA
- 1973 Martinez V. Newton. Successfully challenged four-year residence
requirement for candidacy in Calif. State Supreme Court
8C.3d 756; 106 Cal. Rptr. 105 P.2d 529, page 756
1973. **Casa de la Raza** (a multicultural educational center), co-founder
Santa Barbara, CA
As president, sought \$180,000 funding from banking institutions;
assisted in writing grant proposals to funding agencies; established
organizational by-laws and board of directors composed of
community residents
1970. Chicano Positive Movement (family organization), member, SB, CA

Publications

Op-Eds

“Response to the Angry Poodle,” Santa Barbara Independent, June 30, 2014

“An Argument for District Elections,” Santa Barbara News Press, May 28, 2014

“A Fair Guest Worker Program is Needed,” “2002

“Que Paso? What Happened,” Santa Barbara News-Press, 1996

“Troubled Teens, Intervention can help save youths from a life of crime,” Santa Barbara News-Press, March 28, 1993

Letters to the Editor

“Let the Taxpayers know what’s going on,” Ruidoso News, Jan. 30, 2009

“Drop in patients not so puzzling,” Ruidoso News, Dec. 26, 2008

“Where Will it Stop?” Ruidoso News, March 21, 2008 (LC mill levy)

Swiss Chalet development issue, Ruidoso News, 2005

“Who’s Looking Out for the Taxpayer Now?” Ruidoso News

On ENMU and Elrod, Ruidoso News, post- 2004

“Who’s going to resolve illegal-immigrant problems?” Ruidoso News, Oct. 23, 2002

Sewer plant, Ruidoso News, post-2002

Public Presentations

Santa Barbara District Elections, UCSB, June 2014

History of Chicano Movement in Santa Barbara, ENMU Ruidoso, May 2005

Awards

1999. Named as one of Santa Barbara’s “Figures of History,” selected by the Santa Barbara News-Press, Oct. 24, 1999. Described as “a tenacious community leader for more than two decades.”

1993. Lifetime Achievement Award, 1993. Selected by the Santa Barbara News-Press at age 51

Articles about me

“Leo Martinez, District Elections,” Ruidoso News

“Leo Martinez a guiding force among community’s Latinos,” Santa Barbara News-Press, 1991

“The Twelve Most Influential People in Santa Barbara,” Commerce (Official Magazine of the Santa Barbara Chamber of Commerce), 13: 1 (January 1991)

“At 30, council’s youngest,” Santa Barbara News-Press, May 21, 1973

Hobbies

Golfing, horseback riding, light ranching & farming, fishing; (past hobbies: skiing, basketball, tennis, baseball)