

**CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR VICE CHAIR OF THE
BOARD
VENTURA COUNTY TAXPAYERS FOUNDATION
RON GOLDEN**



I have served as VCTA Chair of the Board for approximately 7 years.

Accomplishments during this time:

- Expanded the board membership to include representation for all of Ventura County;
- Expanded influence and recognition of taxpayer issues to all of Ventura County;
- Hired a full time Executive Director;
- Added the Ventura County Economic Outlook Conference as an annual event;
- Commenced an aggressive effort to increase VCTA membership;
- Increased fund raising and donor support;
- Formed the Ventura County Taxpayers Foundation.

Served as President of Ventura County Economic Development Association.

Served as the President of the Los Angeles/Ventura Chapter of the Building Industry Association.

Served as Chair of the Board of United Way of Ventura County.

Currently serving on the board of the Boys and Girls Club of Simi Valley/Moorpark.

I have great passion for identifying and finding acceptable solutions that result in a more efficient and accountable expenditure of taxpayer dollars. VCTA has made some strong gains in this mission, but we still have a steep hill to climb. I believe 2024 is a critical year in expanding our presence and impact. Our business plan for 2024/2025 calls for setting up specific committees headed by board members to strategically and collectively provide positions that will benefit taxpayer interests. In order to complete this plan, we must ask our current board members together with the recruiting of new board members to “roll up their sleeves” and get to work. It will also require our Executive Director to build strong coalescence with other like-minded organizations and strengthen our relations with public officials and influential community individuals and companies. This will include growing our VCTA membership and our donor base. These growth challenges will require leadership from the Chair of the Board. I am confident that I can be that leader.