

## **SWEARING-IN CEREMONY: Mayor Pro Tem Giba**

**December 17, 2015**

---

Good evening. I am truly humbled by your presence here tonight. I am grateful for the support I have on this Council, in the community, and especially from my lovely wife of more than 30 years.

### *Appreciate the Confidence:*

I have to admit, I was a bit overcome by the volume of positive, encouraging comments and messages I've received since my peers selected me as the Mayor Pro Tem for 2016. I do not take your confidence lightly and I plan to honor it by pressing forward, by working to position our community for greatness.

### *Work Hard:*

I know that my strong and persistent views may not always qualify me for a popularity contest. But, that's ok because that is not why I am here. I ran for election last year to do the work necessary to improve the foundation upon which this city will grow and prosper. I have been and will continue to work hard for financial stability and growth, improve transportation locally and regionally, and direct the pursuit of innovation to grow our energy resources.

### *Informed Decision Making:*

Because informed decision making is paramount to everything we do for the residents of Moreno Valley, here's what I'd like to see:

- Reject the status quo. We are doing well. In fact, we are doing very well! I firmly believe that the direction we are moving is the right one and that the professionalism and dedication of our staff is bar none. But we can always do just a bit better. If all of us evaluate at the status quo and collectively decide to do better, we will do better.
- Think outside the box...and even further still. With innovation, technology, and education, there is no end to possibilities. We set the boundaries of the box, and so we can change them.
- Promote service. Moreno Valley residents are beginning to awaken their spirits of service and working together toward a common good. I'd like to see that continue because care for this community is not just our job on the council, or the jobs of staff, it is the job of every resident.

*Communication:*

I'll leave you with one final thought: We don't know what we don't know.

You see, I am here to serve you, the residents of Moreno Valley. If there is something that you don't understand, please ask. I am very accessible. I am, and will continue to be, available to meet to discuss your questions and concerns.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Mayor Pro Tem! 2016 will be another pivotal year for the City of Moreno Valley and for this City Council. I look forward to working with you and for you.

God bless Moreno Valley and God bless you.