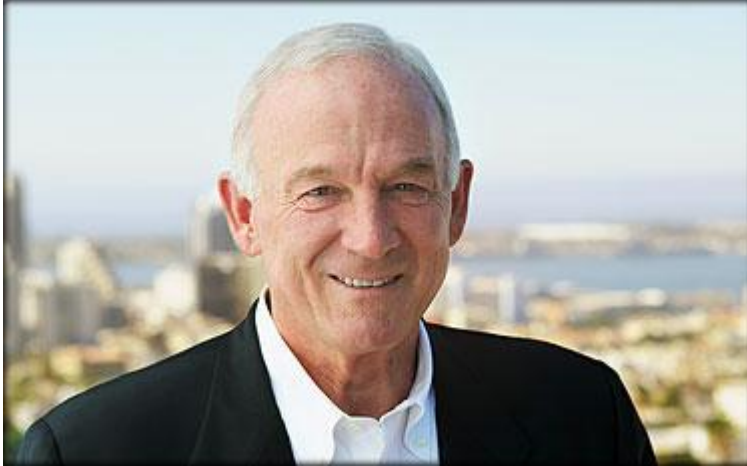


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Mayor Jerry Sanders



Jerry Sanders came to San Diego to attend San Diego State University, but never dreamed he'd get so many opportunities to have a positive impact on his new hometown. At age 22, Sanders joined the San Diego Police Department, fulfilling his lifelong dream of becoming a police officer.

Sanders ascended the police department ranks, becoming one of the youngest police chiefs in the city's history after 20 years on the force.

In 1999, Sanders retired from the police force to take on a new challenge as head of the United Way of San Diego.

In 2002, Sanders was tapped to chair the board of local chapter of the American Red Cross after a scandal over the use of fire-relief funds led to the removal of the local chapter's CEO and several board members.

With his reputation as a successful turn-around executive and a steady leader, civic leaders urged Sanders to run for mayor. In late 2005, after winning in a special election, Mayor Sanders took office.

Sanders will complete his second and final term in December 2012.