



## 2020 CELEBRATION OF LIFE HONOREE

Paul Robinson is a lifelong civic leader, an award-winning attorney, and an inspiring colorectal cancer survivor. Paul has partnered with the American Cancer Society to share his early detection and survival story, so that others will be inspired to be proactive about ACS recommended screenings which are truly lifesaving.

Paul is a dedicated Senior Partner at Hecht Solberg Robinson Goldberg & Bagley LLP, which has been serving the real estate and business communities of Southern California for more than 45 years. Paul began his 40-year career at this firm in 1980. His practice emphasizes land use, environmental and governmental law. Paul negotiates with and appears before all public agencies with land use jurisdiction within the San Diego County region, including federal, state and local agencies. He has been recognized by Best Lawyers® as the Land Use and Zoning Law “Lawyer of the Year” in San Diego in 2014, 2016, and 2019.

Paul hails from western Virginia. His father was a coal miner who did not graduate from high school, rather he enlisted in the Navy to fight in WWII. Having Paul at 19 years old, his mother did not receive higher education. Paul was a first-generation college graduate with a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration from San Diego State University and his Juris Doctor (J.D.) from the University of San Diego School of Law. Paul toured the new City Administration Building as a senior in high school the Spring of 1965. Little did he know he would start his career there 7 years later as a Deputy City Attorney.

Paul met his true love, Trudy Stambook, in 1987 when she sold him a home at MERIDIAN Condominiums in downtown San Diego. They started dating in 1994 and married in 1998. Paul and Trudy love to travel and have getaways in Borrego Springs, with rejuvenating visits to Borrego La Casa Del Zorro. They delight in spending time with family and friends, enjoying the many cultural, sport, and outdoor activities San Diego has to offer.

Paul is known for keeping busy in leadership positions, and he has been appointed to the following civic and advisory boards and commissions:

- The San Diego County Regional Airport Authority  
Vice Chair, Executive Committee Member. Originally appointed by Governor Schwarzenegger in 2010 and reappointed by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors four times, with current term ending in January 2023.
- Mission Bay Park Committee (City of San Diego)  
At-Large Representative, serving continuously from 2009-2020.  
Appointed chair of the Mission Bay Park Committee and the Mission Bay Park Improvement Fund Oversight Committee by Mayor Jerry Sanders and the San Diego City Council.
- De Anza Revitalization Plan Ad Hoc Committee (City of San Diego)  
Appointed chair of the committee by San Diego Mayor Kevin Faulconer, 2016.

Paul is also very active in numerous professional organizations, including:

- Lambda Alpha International
- National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) Legal Action Network
- National Association of Industrial and Office Properties (NAIOP)
- Citizens for Century Three
- Partners for Livable Places/San Diego
- San Diego State University President's Council
- University of San Diego School of Law Board of Visitors
- Leading Change: The Campaign for USD, Executive Committee
- Chair of the Downtown Parking Management Group
- Steering Committee for the Update of the Centre City Community Plan
- Downtown San Diego Partnership, Board of Directors, Executive Committee
- San Diego Chamber of Commerce
- San Diego County Taxpayer's Association
- Lincoln Club of San Diego County, Board of Directors, Chair
- San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation

Paul also represented the Regional Chamber of Commerce on the Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan Technical Advisory Group. He also has provided expert testimony in numerous Superior Court actions involving land use, planning and zoning issues.

Early in his career, Paul was chair of the San Diego Housing Commission and a member of the San Diego Historical Resources Board. As an accomplished land use attorney since 1973, Paul has been an integral part of many of the milestones in San Diego's development history: Fairbanks Ranch, First San Diego River Improvement Project, development of UTC and Campus Point. Currently, he represents Vulcan Materials regarding its 193-acre mixed-use development in Mira Mesa called Stone Creek. He is also involved in the review process for the redevelopment of the Town and Country's Resort & Convention Center, representing Atlas Hotels and Lowe Enterprises.

His early career as a Deputy City Attorney, City of San Diego, and Assistant to the Mayor for Program and Policy Development (under Mayor Pete Wilson) also put him in the center of the San Diego's maturation into a world-class city. While at the City, he worked on the legislation to create the trolley, helped get that legislation passed and then became MTDB's first General Counsel (on loan from the City Attorney's office). He was involved in the creation of the San Diego Economic Development Corporation, the San Diego Housing Commission, CCDS and the Otay Mesa Port of Entry.

Paul is without a doubt an extremely busy man, also fully dedicated to a disciplined exercise program, with no extra time on his hands. However, he is not too busy for his annual health check-ups, which include his routine colon cancer screenings. His lifelong commitment to staying healthy saved his life after a routine screening in 2017 showed evidence of colorectal cancer. Paul and Trudy are very grateful to Paul's wonderful doctors who performed his colonoscopy and surgery at Scripps Mercy Hospital. They hope his story inspires others to prioritize good health and preventative life-saving cancer screenings.

**Congratulations to Paul E. Robinson for being our outstanding  
2020 Celebration of Life Honoree!**