LARRY WATTS

Larry is a third generation Angeleno who grew up on an orange grove in North Orange County. He is a 1960 graduate of Claremont McKenna College and a 1972 graduate of UCLA School of Law. Before law school he served as an artillery officer with the United States Marine Corps.

Larry and his family have been active in many equestrian pursuits over the years, including fox hunting, eventing and hunter-jumper competitions. He continued until recently to occasionally compete in the adult jumper division with his Hanoverian Baja. He would resume competition if there was an 85 & over division. He and his wife Happy led a decades long effort to preserve in perpetuity an eight acre site in the Sullivan Canyon area of Brentwood for equestrian and other recreational uses. In addition to their own children, Larry and his wife have served as mentors and surrogate parents for several generations of young riders in Sullivan Canyon, including many who still ride there as adults. Their Haflinger Princess Minty is currently the horse used by Ahead With Horses when they visit the canyon each Thursday to provide equine therapy to children with disabilities. Larry is the representative of Council District 11 on the LAEAC.