

# Re-Elect Assemblyman Ken Cooley

## ABOUT KEN COOLEY



**Assemblyman Ken Cooley** and his wife of 47 years, Sydney, have made their home in eastern Sacramento County since 1977. They raised their sons here and passed their love of camping and hiking in California's mountains, rivers and lakes. As a young man, Ken worked in the Legislature and today he is the only sitting lawmaker who has run a multi-year program of active executive branch

oversight and also supported a successful veto override. Both are vital to fulfilling the Legislature's role as a co-equal branch of government.

Ken's experience and skill have earned him leadership duties in the State Capitol as Chair to both the Assembly Rules Committee and the Joint Senate and Assembly Rules Committee. As a strong advocate for the communities he represents, in recent budgets he helped local projects access about \$50 million dollars in state funds.

Ken believes the most uniquely "American method" in problem-solving – seen in churches, service clubs and PTA's – is based on listening, so that all are encouraged to speak up so a sense of the group can emerge, often reflecting parts of all the ideas shared. Ken thinks this "American method" is how all governments should make decisions.

## HOME GROWN VALUES

Ken thinks growing up in a Cub and Boy Scouting family planted the seeds for his interest in public service. Ken is an Eagle Scout from a family of Eagle Scouts. Public service fits well as part of Scouting's ethic to "do good daily." That belief guided his practice of law after his 1984 graduation from McGeorge Law School.



Ken chose – despite his lifelong interest in government – not to seek public office until his sons had completed high school. He did not want to shortchange them as he felt they had first call on his free time. After they'd both graduated and begun college, Ken ran for public office in Fall 2002 and was successful, serving on the Founding City Council 10 years, including two terms as Mayor.

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