

**GARY PARKIN****Retired Electrical Engineer**

I am a U.S. Army veteran and retired Aerospace and Automotive Manufacturing Engineer. During my 36 year career I built radar and satellite systems to help protect our great nation. I have a deep understanding of working with unions as a result of my years in the automotive field.

I have a B.S. degree from Cal Poly Pomona. I have been active in the Costa Mesa Historical Preservation Committee for 6 years, serving as chair for the past 4 years. I was a Costa Mesa Senior Commissioner for 3 years.

I have worked with many city directors to improve our projects including the historical markers, and recognizing businesses that have been in operation for 50 plus years, showing these businesses we appreciate them.

The Covid Pandemic has severely impacted local businesses, families incomes, and greatly impacted our city budget. I will work towards a fiscally responsible balanced budget and cut frivolous spending.

I will continue to support the fight against unlicensed sober living and rehab businesses to protect our neighbors for their health and safety.

I will work to balance the needs of our residents through economic development and low density housing in certain areas and maintain a high quality of life for our citizens.