



Jim Patterson Biography

Mr. Patterson is the former 2-term Mayor of Fresno serving from May 11, 1993 to January 2, 2001.

Jim is a 25-year business and broadcast executive. He has owned and operated radio stations in California and Idaho. He is a frequent talk show host on KMJ News/Talk 580.

Mr. Patterson is a *Summa Cum Laude* graduate of California State University, Fresno, and holds a Bachelors Degree in Political Science.

As Mayor of Fresno, Jim led the city through some difficult times to significant improvements. Mr. Patterson added nearly 300 police officers to the force without raising taxes. As a result, Fresno enjoyed a near 70% reduction in crime (to a 25 year low). Jim streamlined the city's business practices that lead to record new business development (over a billion dollars of new construction permits were issued in his last two years in office). He initiated a dramatic \$50 million airport improvement plan now completed that has led to improved air service. He also significantly improved the city's local and national reputation that culminated in Fresno's designation as an All America City in 2000.

Mr. Patterson is the recipient of the California Commendation Medal, Military Department of the State of California, an honor normally reserved for military personnel, for leadership and coordination of special activities with the California Air National Guard.

Jim has been married to wife Sharon for 40 years. They have three children, BJ (35), Jason (27) and Lindsay (23).

Mr. Patterson is President & CEO of Jim Patterson Consulting Services, providing full service government, business, broadcast, public relations and public policy consultation to select clients.