

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
SHERIFF-CORONER**

**J. PATRICK HEDGES**

**Age: 53**

**Occupation:** Sheriff-Coroner, County of San Luis Obispo

**Education and Qualifications:** I have lived in San Luis Obispo County for over 50 years and I have worked full-time with your Sheriff's Department since 1977. I have been your Sheriff-Coroner for over 7 years. I have an additional 26 years of leadership experience with the United States Coast Guard Reserve, retiring as a Chief Warrant Officer. I have a criminal justice degree from CSU Sacramento.

Quality of life and safety in our communities is no accident. New programs to work with schools, our youth and our ranchers and farmers have been effective. My work with our legislators and Members of Congress has brought several million additional dollars to this county to fund additional staffing and equipment.

I initiated training for all county law enforcement officers to respond safely to school/workplace violence. Equipment for my volunteer and tactical units has vastly improved. Updated communications networks and department automation have improved safety and efficiency.

I successfully established communication between animal advocates. Working together, we had amazing results in reducing the number of pets that had to be euthanized.

I will continue to be your full-time Sheriff, keeping our county a safe place for you and our families.

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s/ J. Patrick Hedges

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**JIM GARDINER**

**Occupation:** Retired Police Chief

**Education and Qualifications:** Strong, principled leadership to restore faith in the Sheriff's Department.

The Sheriff's Department is heading in the wrong direction because of public controversy, internal unrest, and poor upper management. Failed leadership has resulted in slow response times, low morale and a loss of public trust.

When deputies and staff in the Department asked me to run, I made a commitment to strengthen management and support all employees with better training and more accountability.

Retired Chief Deputy Sheriff Greg Slane says "Jim Gardiner will bring strong leadership, accountability and ethics to the Sheriff's Department – something that's been needed for years."

I've done it before; as Police Chief I lowered crime, improved service and built partnerships with the community to solve real problems.

Jackie Nungaray, a 35 year veteran of the Sheriff's Department has said, "Jim Gardiner will bring integrity and professionalism back to the Sheriff's Department."

Experienced: 35 years in law enforcement, 15 as Chief of Police.

Qualified: Law Enforcement Command College, FBI National Academy, BS in Criminology, Masters in Management.

With your support and vote, I will bring people together to solve the problems, work with the community to restore public faith, and bring credibility back to the Sheriff's Department.

s/ James M. Gardiner