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Hear from Paul

Rarely does one find a career that brings opportunities, challenges, personal fulfillment, friendships, sorrows, satisfaction, and pleasure. That's what Parks and Recreation brought to me.

After 40 years of being a parks and recreation professional, I retired and became a citizen advocate for the profession. Is there a difference between being a professional or advocate? Of course; but, the values remain the same. Without doubt, methods change as does the audience.

Park professionals make life better. They bring life and health to a community. Youth and adults receive positive outcomes and equally benefit from their service. Park and Recreation professionals are real world activists. Citizen advocates (Park and Recreation Commissioners) bridge the "real" world with the political world. They take the professional message to top decision makers and to the community. Advocates and professionals are mutually dependent. Having been both, I encourage you to work collectively for a better future.

About Paul...

Beginning his professional career in 1970, Paul Romero is currently a Park & Recreation Commissioner for the city of Folsom, California. In March, 2004, Paul was appointed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to Chief Deputy Director of California State Parks. Prior to that appointment, Paul served as Parks Director for the County of Santa Clara, General Manager of the Riverside County Regional Park and Open Space District, Parks Director for the County of Riverside and adjunct Instructor at several California State Colleges and Universities.

Paul is recognized as a leader in the Parks and Recreation profession and has received numerous state and national awards. He earned a B.S. and M.A. from C.S.U.L.B., two CPRS Presidential Awards, the William Penn Mott, Jr. Award of Excellence, two Pat O'Brien Legislative Awards, Fellow Award from the N.A.C.P.R.O., and the CPRS Fellowship/Hall of Fame Award in 2018. He is a member of AAPRA Honor Society