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Press Release

City of Rancho Cucamonga Mayor Pro-Tem, Dennis Michael and Candidate for Mayor will speak to IVBA Monday, April 12th.

RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CA Mar. 30 – L. Dennis Michael, Rancho Cucamonga Mayor Pro-Tem and candidate for Mayor, will address the Inland Valley Business Alliance's Ultimate Business Connection Monday, April 12th at 11:30 a.m. at Antonino's Ristorante Italiano in Rancho Cucamonga.

Mayor Pro Tem L. Dennis Michael is a life-long resident of Rancho Cucamonga. He is married to Regina Holt-Michael who is a local business-owner and Chiropractor. Dennis is the father of two children and has six lovely grandchildren.

Dennis received his education in Rancho Cucamonga including attending Chaffey College. He began his career as a firefighter with Rancho Cucamonga Fire District in April 1976; promoting through the ranks to Engineer, Captain, Battalion Chief, and Division Chief. He was appointed Fire Chief in 1984, and he held that position for nineteen years until his official retirement on December 29, 2003.

During his career, Dennis led the development of the Rancho Cucamonga Fire Protection District, as well as guided the organization through the growth and development of a small town into a City of nearly 160,000 residents.

Dennis Michael has extensive experience through his professional career in numerous organizations, and community charities, including: the State Board of Fire Services, the California Fire Chiefs Association, the San Bernardino County Emergency Medical Care Committee, the West End Communications Authority, the Fire District Association of California, the San Bernardino County Fire Chiefs Association, the Rancho Cucamonga Family YMCA, the Boy Scouts, the Rancho Cucamonga Rotary Club, and the Burn Institute - Inland Empire, which Chief Michael was instrumental in forming.

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Dennis spearheaded the development and completion of Fire Stations #174, #175, the Fire Maintenance Facility, Fire Station #176, and initiated the construction of a permanent home for Fire Station #173.

In addition, during Dennis' tenure, he oversaw the phased development of the Department's Technical Rescue, Hazmat, and Wildland Fire response teams; as well as being instrumental in facilitating the public-private partnership with AMR and initiated Fire District paramedic services in 1996. Through his work and volunteering, he has received numerous accolades and recognitions for his service.

Dennis was elected to the Rancho Cucamonga City Council in November 2004 and serves on a number of regional and state boards such as the Inland Empire Landscaping Alliance Committee, comprised of local city and water agency representatives. In addition, Dennis has been appointed President for the Inland Empire Division of the League of California Cities and also serves on the League of California Cities Employee Relations Committee. He also represents the City of Rancho Cucamonga on the Omnitrans Board of Directors. Lastly, Dennis was elected to serve on the San Bernardino County Republican Central Committee.

The Inland Valley Business Alliance is a non-partisan group of business owners from Claremont on the west to Redlands in the east who are taking an active role in current political issues. The group meets for lunch at Antonino's on the second and fourth Mondays at 11:30 a.m. The restaurant is located in the northeast corner of the Thomas Winery Plaza located at the corner of Foothill Blvd., and Vineyard Ave., Rancho Cucamonga.

Cost for the luncheon is \$15 and reservations can be made on-line at www.ivbusiness.org or call 909-477-6623.

All visitors are welcome. For more information on IVBA political positions and principles, see www.ivbusiness.org.