

Bio for Mayor Bob Rivera

Mayor Bob Rivera has served as a member of the Thatcher Town Council since 1992 as Councilmember, Vice Mayor and Mayor. He began his first term as Mayor in May 2004, and is now serving his seventh consecutive term, which began in January 2017. Mayor Rivera has been a resident of Thatcher for 42 years and is retired from Freeport-McMoRan Inc. after 42 years of service.

Mayor Rivera is currently serving on the Executive Committee of the Arizona League of Cities and Towns, also serves as a Board Member of The Southeastern Arizona Governments Organization (SEAGO) for the last 25 years with 7 of those years as Board Chair, also The Rural Transportation Advocacy Council (RTAC), and was instrumental in the creation and development of this council and served as the Board Chair for the first three years. Mayor Rivera is a Board Member of the Graham County Substance Abuse Coalition (GCSAC)

Mayor Rivera is a member of the Knights of Columbus. He is a member and Lector at Saint Rose of Lima Catholic Church and presently Board Chairman of the Tucson Diocesan Pastoral Council. He is a member and Program Director of the Safford Lions Club

He has held memberships as President of the Gila Valley Boys and Girls Club; He also served on the Mount Graham Safe House Board of Directors. Board Member of the Mount Graham Regional Medical Center. Mayor Rivera served honorably in The U.S. Army Reserves from 1966 to 1972. He graduated from The State of Arizona's four year Industrial Electrical Apprenticeship as an Industrial Field Electrician.

Bob is married to Mercy a retired nurse; they have been married for 47 years and have three daughters; Renee (Tom), Diana (Kevin) and Andrea (Paul). They are blessed with three grandchildren; Raegan, Connor and Carson.

