

Chimbole will be missed

The entire High Desert region, including the Antelope Valley, recently lost another great leader with the passing of former California State Assemblyman Larry Chimbole.

I first heard the name of Larry Chimbole in 1986 while working for a home builder in Santa Barbara and facilitating our company's first transaction in the City of Palmdale. When I moved to the High Desert in 1988, and became involved in the community, you couldn't help but notice whenever Mr. Chimbole walked into a room. His presence became apparent with very few words.

When we worked on opposing sides of the mid-1990's "Rail Cycle," an effort to create the largest dump in the world located in Bolo Station (near Amboy and Cadiz), Mr. Chimbole was a worthy opponent in discussion and debate. I learned over the years that Mr. Chimbole had strong convictions about his role in the public sector but more importantly his love for the Antelope Valley and the Victor Valley. In addition to being a statesman, he was also a man of strong and honorable convictions.

We all owe a great debt of gratitude to and should never forget civic leaders like Mr. Larry Chimbole. They fought the battles and paved the way for the great opportunities that we enjoy today. He was a desert pioneer with an appreciation for the future and gave to his community from his heart in everything he did. They don't make them any better than Mr. Larry Chimbole.

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