

## WHY MARK FITS CA-25



### DEEP DISTRICT ROOTS

Born and raised in northeastern San Fernando Valley, I have deep CA-25 roots. I made an imprint on this local community as a youth leader in church after attending Biola University.

Following my construction trade roots, I settled in the Antelope Valley where I raised my family on a small farm setting. I worked as a construction foreman before eventually applying to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

During the last 28 years in law enforcement, I worked as a custody gang deputy, I patrolled the streets of Lancaster and Palmdale, and I served literally thousands of families across Los Angeles County through my work at VIDA.



### MILITARY & LASD BACKGROUND

California 25 has the largest population of law enforcement members of any Congressional District in the country. Additionally, this district has the second largest enlisted veteran population in the country.

I have served as a United States Marine under President Reagan and as a Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputy for over 28 years. I understand where these members of the community are coming from, having shared experiences, concerns, and insight.



### WORKING WITH FAMILIES IN CRISIS

My work with the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department has primarily been working with at-risk youth and their families through VIDA (Vital Intervention Directional Alternatives) all across Los Angeles County. Three of these sites are located within District 25, serving families of Palmdale, Lancaster, and Santa Clarita.

Through helping these families in their times of need and crisis, I understand the fundamental needs and struggles of CA-25 families and the challenges they face.

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# MARK CRIPE FOR CONGRESS

## Running for CA-25

Mark will take on Washington, D.C. special interests and fight for Southland families.

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ABOUT THE CANDIDATE

# Mark Cripe

Though I grew up in a less than idyllic home, I found support and mentorship through a local scouting troop. The adventures I had with them in my youth developed my love for the backcountry. I found a peace and the feeling of safety in the wilderness that I didn't find anywhere else.

At 17 I left home and enlisted in the Marine Corps. The Marine Corps grew me up into the man I am today, and redirected my life. After 6 years serving my country, I received an honorable discharge as a Sergeant.

In 1991 I joined the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. My early assignments included working as a gang deputy and patrolling the cities of Lancaster and Palmdale. My path within the department changed in on December 15, 1991, when I was assigned to the Antelope Valley VIDA (Vital Intervention Directional Alternatives) Program, a 16-week program for at-risk youth and their families.

The entire countywide VIDA Program was cut in February 2003 due to budget cuts. I was later recruited by Operations Bureau to redevelop and reimplement the VIDA Program and by the summer of 2005 the academically-based version of VIDA was rolled out. In 2006, I was appointed to Sergeant and given the supervision of the entire countywide VIDA Program. I have proudly worked in VIDA and with the countless families seeking help from the program for 19 1/2 years.

My work with at-risk youth has been recognized by the US Congress, the Governor of California, and the California State Assembly. I received the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Exemplary Service Award and the Distinguished Service Award for my efforts in changing how delinquent youth are handled in the juvenile justice system. I was also the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Deputy of the year in both 2005 and 2006.

Helping families through VIDA over the years, I felt moved to create a lasting resource not only for these families, but for families everywhere. In 2014, I published the award winning book, Love Loudly: Lessons in Family Communication, Crisis, and Hope, a book to serve as a parenting guide in changing the way adults communicate with their kids.

Now, as I near the end of my 29 year career with the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, I aim to bring my knowledge and experience of helping and healing families to my district here in California, taking their voices to Congress.

**"I was proud to serve my Country in the U.S. Marines and our community for the last 28 years as a Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputy.**

**I would be honored to serve you in Congress."**

## CAUSES

### SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS

- Stem the tide of illicit drugs in our communities and reduce crime by securing our southern border.
- Provide law enforcement agencies with funding to promote and implement the most current practices, accepted national law enforcement standards, and up-to-date tools to enables our personnel to better serve the communities they protect.

### EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- Empower school boards to make local decisions and give families the opportunity to choose better performing schools.

### SUPPORT WORKING FAMILIES

- In 2017, Congress passed the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. It was a good start, but we can do better. I support repealing the \$10,000 cap on state and local deduction (SALT) and simplifying the tax code so working families don't get squeezed at tax time.

### SERVING OUR VETERANS

- Create true reform within the Veteran's Administration and streamline the bureaucratic system in order to provide veterans with quick access to the care they need and deserve.