

Bruce Woodbury

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Elected 1982, 1984, 1988, 1992, 1996, 2000, 2004

Bruce Woodbury is known as the father of flood control in Clark County. During his two-decades of service on the Clark County Commission, he earned a reputation as a careful and dedicated lawmaker who cared about his constituents.

In 1940, the Woodbury family moved to Las Vegas when following his father's graduation from the University of Southern California Dental School. Bruce Woodbury was born in Las Vegas in 1944. He attended Las Vegas High School where he played basketball. Following his graduation in 1962, he attended the University of Utah and earned a degree in political science, magna cum laude and inducted into Phi Kappa Phi and Phi Beta Kappa. He then received a law degree from Stanford University in 1969, where he served on the Board of Editors for the Stanford Law Review. Woodbury returned to southern Nevada and passed the Nevada Bar in 1970.



Woodbury practiced law in Las Vegas and resided in Boulder City. He was an active member of the Rotary and Elks, and coached youth sports. In 1976, he represented Clark County at the Nevada Supreme Court in a case about the consolidation of Clark County and the City of Las Vegas.

Governor List appointed Woodbury to the Clark County Commission in 1981 to replace Bob Broadbent when he resigned. In 1982, voters elected Woodbury to his first of seven terms on the Clark County Commission. During his time on the Clark County Commission, he helped lead the county through years of explosive growth and proved a principled leader during a series of ethics investigations of other commissioners. He helped push through legislation for flood control. He also worked on transportation issues, air quality, and oversight for the airport. He helped create the Regional Transportation Commission and helped found the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition.

As a member of the County Commission, Woodbury served on a number of regional boards including the Las Vegas Valley Water District Board of Trustees, the University Medical Center Board of Trustees, Colorado River Commission, the Southern Nevada Strategic Planning Coalition, and the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority. In addition to his political service, Woodbury has been dedicated to the southern Nevada community he grew up in and serves on various civics boards including the Special Olympics and the American Red Cross. He is a member of Rotary, the Boulder City Elks Lodge, the Henderson Chamber of Commerce, and the Las Vegas Executives' Association. He was also a youth coach for baseball, basketball, and softball. Woodbury also maintains his law practice of Jolley, Urgan, Wirth, Woodbury, and Standish.