

## **Jack Petitti**

**January 6, 1919—November 13, 2000**

**Elected 1972, 1976, 1980**

Jack Petitti moved to Las Vegas in 1934 from Kansas. He graduated from Las Vegas High School in 1937 where he played football. He attended Dixie College in Utah and the University of Nevada. During World War II, he served in the army. After the war, Petitti returned to Las Vegas and took a job with Reitz Electrical Company, where he worked for the next 22 years.

In 1950, Petitti was elected to the Clark County School Board. He was then elected to the North Las Vegas City Council for three terms beginning in 1958. In 1972, he ran for the Clark County Commission. He won his race and voters reelected him in 1976 and 1980. During his time on the Clark County Commission, Petitti served on the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority and was a member of the National Association of Counties

In 1984, Petitti resigned his seat on the County Commission following his conviction for taking a \$5,000 bribe from a developer, which resulted from the FBI sting called Operation Yobo. Governor Richard Bryan appointed Paul May Jr. to serve the rest of the term. Petitti received a fine of \$15,000, six months of jail time, and three years probation.

Following his conviction, Petitti kept a low profile. He worked with the Boy Scouts, volunteered, and helped found the Nevada Zoo Association. Petitti died in 2000.