

Paul Christensen
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1984, 1988, 1992

Paul Christensen served on the Las Vegas City Council for eleven years and the Clark County Commission for twelve years. As a conservative Democrat, Christensen worked to decrease red tape and maintain the integrity of elected officials.

The Christensen family moved to Las Vegas in 1939 from Milford, Utah. The family opened a jewelry store at First and Fremont Streets named after the family patriarch, M.J. Christensen. Paul Christensen was educated in Las Vegas public schools and graduated from Las Vegas High School. He attended Brigham Young University and participated in the ROTC program. After Christensen earned a degree in marketing, he enlisted in the Air Force. He served as a pilot during the Korean War. Christensen returned to Las Vegas in 1957 and worked in the family's jewelry stores.

Paul Christensen followed his father's footsteps into politics in the 1970s. M.J. Christensen served in the Nevada State Assembly in the 1950s and the Nevada State Senate in the 1960s. Paul Christensen defeated Hank Thornley for a seat on the Las Vegas City Council. He was re-elected in 1977 and 1981. During his time on the City Council, he worked to widen Jones Boulevard, increase the number of firefighters, and improve police presence in the City of Las Vegas.

In 1984, voters elected Christensen to the Clark County Commission. He was reelected in 1988 and 1992. Christensen lost his seat in 1996 in a contentious race with Lance Malone. During his twelve years on the Commission, Christensen worked to improve parks and public services and enhance the reputation of the County Commission.

Following his defeat for County Commission, Christensen went back to work at the family jewelry store. He continues to live in Las Vegas.

