



Richard B. Dixon

Date in office: March 1, 1987 - Feb. 2, 1993

Richard B. Dixon, a veteran of more than 34 years of Los Angeles County service, was selected by the Board of Supervisors to become chief administrative officer (CAO) on March 1, 1987. He was chosen by City & State Magazine in 1988 as the nation's outstanding county executive and received the 1992 Outstanding Public Servant award from the Municipal Forum of New York.

When Dixon left as CAO on February 2, 1993, the County was the nation's largest, with 9 million residents, 87,000 employees, and an overall budget of more than \$13.2 billion, at that time larger than all but seven states. If ranked in the Fortune 500, Los Angeles County would have ranked 47th. If it were an independent nation, the GNP for the County would have made it the 13th richest nation in the world.

Prior to becoming the CAO, Dixon was treasurer and tax collector from 1984 to 1987. During that time, he was chosen by Institutional Investor as one of the top 10 government treasurers. He was the County's budget officer from 1978 to 1984.

Dixon played a prominent role in structuring the County's borrowing program, which included transactions chosen by Institutional Investor Magazine as the Deal of the Year for both 1985 and 1988. He served as president of the Government Finance Officers Association, was a member of the Corporate Board of Directors of United Way, the Advisory Board of the UCLA Graduate School of Business, the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee of the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation, the National Association of Counties Taxation and Finance Steering Committee, the National Board of Directors of the Privatization Council, the Editorial Board of the Municipal Finance Journal, and the Board of Advisors of the Public's Capital.

He was a graduate of Pomona College and did graduate work at UCLA. Dixon was a frequent speaker at the Public Securities Association, National League of Cities, Government Finance Officers Association, and other conferences and seminars.

Dixon was married to Susan C. Widman and had four children -- John, Louise, and stepsons John and Jeffrey S. Santee.